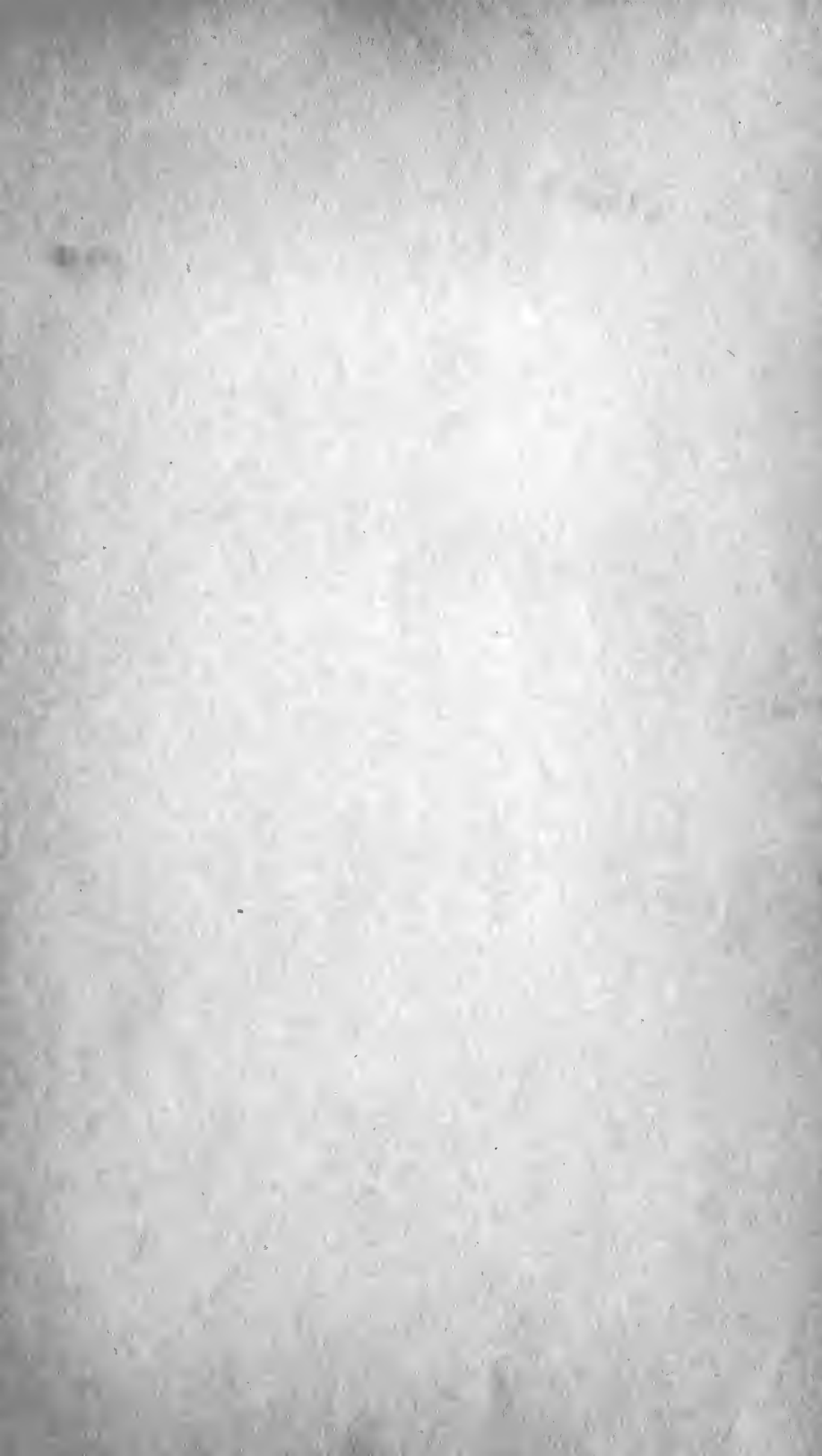




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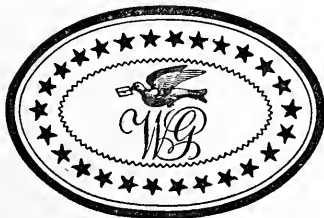
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BY EDWARD ARMSTRONG,

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Her charms in all variety combined;
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Innum'rous islets crowned with shrubs and flowers,
Moistened with rainbow spray, and sparkling showers,
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Adorn their banks and deck the beautiful scene.—DRYDEN.*

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INTRODUCTION.

Thomas Budd the author of
¹ this book, was
the son of the
Rev. Thomas Budd, of the parish of Martock,² Somerset-
shire, England. The latter was “an established preacher
of the national church, and having been convinced of the
truth as professed by the Quakers, separated himself from
that church, renounced his benefice, and became a minister
of the gospel, without money and without price.³” He did
not flinch from what he conceived to be the line of duty, and
having permitted a meeting for religious worship to be held
at his house, which the rabble broke in upon and dispersed,
was arrested as a disturber of the peace, and although dis-
charged from custody the end was not yet.⁴ Persecution
for opinion sake raged throughout England; the most
cruel opposition followed any attempt to exercise religious

¹ Fac-simile autograph of the author.

² MARTOCK, SOMERSETSHIRE, a parish and market town in the hundred of Martock on the river Parret, 166 miles from London. * * The town consists chiefly of one long street with a market house near the centre. The living *All Saints*, a discharged vicarage, with the curacy of Load in the Archdeanry of Wells and Diocese of Bath and Wells at present has a value of £194. Parish contains 6,930 acres; established population in 1849, 3,479. See 3d vol. Clarke's *British Gaz.*, Lond., 1852.

³ Besse's *Sufferings of the Quakers*, I, 580, in note.

⁴ See note at end of introduction.

liberty. Budd was a marked man. In 1661 he was required to take the "oath of obedience" prescribed by the statute 1st James I, passed "for the better discovering of papist recusants."

Although willing to affirm, and entirely loyal, he could not take an oath and comply with the requirements of an oppressive statute perverted to an oppressive purpose. He was arrested, indicted, found guilty, and receiving sentence of præmunire, lingered out his few remaining years in the jail at Ilchester, where he died on the 22d of June, 1670, firm in his faith.¹

The father's dying wish was answered. Thomas Budd attached himself to the society of Friends, and leaving England arrived at Burlington, New Jersey, in the year 1678, an ardent upholder of the rights of conscience, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of liberty, and ready to lend his influence to their fundamental establishment "for all people" within the province.

John Cripps, in a letter dated at that place 19th 4 m., 1678, and written to a relation in England, refers to Budd as having had "far more experience" of West Jersey than some other individual, whose name he does not give, "could have had in the short time he was among us." The writer further states that Budd also had written "and endeavored to satisfy, as near as he could, of the truth of things."²

¹ "A faithful man, having been a prisoner at Ilchester about 8 years and 4 months under sentence of præmunire, departed this life in much peace, declaring some hours before his death that he had renewed his engagements and covenants with God, and was therein well satisfied, and expressed a firm hope and belief, that God would support him as in life, so in death, with the right hand of his righteousness. He also rejoiced and praised God that his children did walk in the way of the Lord."—*Besse*, I, 609.

²Smith's *New Jersey*, 100, 108.

From this we conclude that Budd came in the beginning of 1678.¹ During his residence in West Jersey he held several important offices and was a leading man in the province.

In the year 1681, he was, by act of Assembly, appointed with Thomas Gardiner one of the receivers general to collect £200 for the purpose of defraying the debts of the province, and in the same year was chosen one of the commissioners for "settling and regulation of lands," a member of the governor's council and one of the regulators of weights and measures.²

In 1682 and '83, he was elected to the Assembly and rechosen land commissioner and councillor, and in the

¹The following is a list of all the vessels which arrived in the Delaware from Great Britain between the years 1675 and 1679. It is probably not complete, although there is no available source within our knowledge to make it more so. After 1679 the arrivals were much more numerous.

The "Griffith," from London, arrived in 1675 with Fenwicke and his company, and landed at the spot called by him Salem. Smith, p. 79, says this was the first English ship that came to West Jersey, and Proud states (I, 137), that "it was near two years before another followed," which was the "Kent," Gregory Marlow, master, and which arrived from London at New Castle, 16, 6m., August, 1677.—Smith, 93. "Phenix," Matthew Shearer, master, arrived 6th m., 1677.—From a copy in possession of editor of a *MS. Registry of Arrivals*. "Flie Boat Martha," of Burlington, Yorkshire, sailed from Hull in Aug., 1677.—Smith, 102. A copy of *MS. Registry of Arrivals* says the Martha, Thomas Wildtuys, master, arrived in 7th m., 1677. "Willing Mind," John Newcomb, master, from London, arrived Nov., 1677—Smith, 102. *MS. Registry of Arrivals* says 28th 7th m., 1677. "Shield," of Hull, Daniel Towes, master, arrived 10th month (O. S.), 1678.—Smith, 108. "Elizabeth and Sarah," Richard Ffriend, master, arrived 29th 3 m., 1679.—*MS. Registry*. "Elizabeth and Mary," of Weymouth, arrived 4th 4th m., 1679.—*MS. Registry*. "Jacob and Mary," Richard Moore, master, arrived 12th 7th m., 1679.—*MS. Registry*.

²Smith, 130, 152; see also Leaming and Spicer's Laws.

latter year with Thomas Gardiner again commissioned one of the treasurers of the province.¹

Budd and Francis Collins, in 1683, were each to have 1,000 acres, "parts of lands to be purchased of the Indians above the falls," the present site of Trenton, N. J., in consideration and discharge for building a market and court house, at Burlington.²

And in the same year Budd was appointed by the Assembly to draw up a letter to Edward Byllinge, and also an instrument containing the state of the case of the proprietors with Edward Byllinge.³

Such was the satisfaction he gave in the handling of this business that it led to further employment in it.

In 1684 the Assembly resolved "that the matter relating to the demand and consideration of the right of the corporation and freeholders to the government, against Edward Byllinge's pretence to the same, be proceeded in, and a demand to Edward Byllinge for his confirmation of what he hath sold be first made" and Budd, with Thomas Jennings, were appointed to negotiate the affair in England.

The poverty of the province was such that it was unable to provide funds to defray the expenses and salaries of its commissioners, and Jennings and Budd with Thomas Oliver became bound for 100 pounds sterling in the public account for the charges of the commission, and received fifteen hundred acres above the falls as their security, the title to be made when the land was purchased of the Indians.⁴

In 1684 Budd sailed upon his mission, and it was during his stay in England that *Good Order* was published, and

¹ Leaming and Spicer's Laws, 442, 445, 458. ² Idem., 467. ³ Idem., 482.

⁴ Idem., 485, 487.

which appears to have been given to the printer on the 25th of October, 1685.

In the latter end of the year he returned to West Jersey, and was with his brother, James Budd, chosen a member of the Assembly, and became one of the chief promoters in the erection of the new Meeting House at Burlington.¹

This, so far as the records inform, was his last appearance in public life in that province, and it is likely he shortly afterwards removed to Philadelphia, for on the 17th 9th m., 1685, he petitioned the provincial council of the province of Pennsylvania for a special court to end a difference between Philip Th: Lehman and himself.² He probably at this time began to give his attention to mercantile pursuits.

We meet no further reference to him until the 7th of 12th mo., 1688-9, when we find his application to the provincial council of Pennsylvania conjointly with others representing their "design in setting up a bank for money, and requesting encouragement from the governor's council for their proceeding therein." Blackwell, Penn's deputy governor, replied "that some things of this nature had been proposed and dedicated to the proprietor by *himself* some months since," that he hoped shortly to hear from Penn and *encouragingly* suggested that he knew "no reason why they might not give their personall bills to such as would take them as money, to pass as Merchants usually did bills of exchange, but that it might be suspected that such as usually clipp'd or coyned money would be apt to counterfeit their bills unless more than ordinary care were taken to prevent it which might be their ruine, as well as ye peoples that should deal with

¹ Idem., 502. ² Provincial Minutes of Pa., 163.

them."¹ Although Budd's name does not head the petition we little doubt that he was the originator of the movement, as he had already, in his tract, urged the establishment of a bank, and that the mind of Blackwell had been directed to project by the arguments which Budd had already put into print. The information volunteered by the governor was not new to the petitioners, and if we hear no more about the establishment of a bank the seed sown by Budd did not lie dormant, and the scheme whose utility our author had so well recommended in his publication, eventually took shape in the erection of a Loan Office, whereby all the benefits Budd had predicted happily resulted.

The public spirit manifested by Budd was exhibited in an enterprise, the first of the kind attempted in Philadelphia. Having become, about the year 1689 or 1690, the owner of property on the west side of Front street, adjoining the Draw Bridge, or dock, at the Blue Anchor Tavern on the south, and extending along Front street towards Walnut street, he erected a row of houses which were known as Budd's Row or Budd's Buildings. Two of the original houses were standing in the beginning of this century.

In 1689 he again went to England and returned to Philadelphia in the following year.

In 1691 the unhappy schism occurred in the society of Friends by the desertion of George Keith. Some of the principal persons who adhered to Keith, and were men of rank, character and reputation in these provinces, and divers of them great preachers, and much followed, were Thomas Budd, &c.²

As in all convulsions, civil or religious, so in this, the

¹ Provincial Min. of Penn., I, 236. ²I. Proud, 369, in note.

father was often found arrayed against the son, and brother against brother, and the melancholy result of the breach was visible for many years. Keith was properly disowned by the society in 1692, and doubtless also Budd, although we discover no evidence of that fact upon record. The schism produced, as is usual on such occasions, an abundance of published controversy.

Samuel Jennings had rendered himself obnoxious to Keith, and the latter in a publication entitled *Plea of the Innocents*, reflected upon Jennings and the magistracy. The result was a presentation by the grand jury of Philadelphia, of Keith and Budd as the authors of the attack, an eventual trial, and a sentence of £5 against each, which was however never exacted.¹ Budd did not desert Keith but fully identified himself with his cause, and finally went to England with him in 1694 to defend him before the yearly meeting.

From this year, 1694, to the period of his death, or rather of the date of the probate of his will at Philadelphia, that is in March, 1698, we find little about Budd. We have no information as to his age or personal appearance. His will indicates the possession of no real estate, save that which he devised to his son Thomas, and in which his son lived, "being the corner house nearest the dock." To his two daughters he gives £100 each, and his will contains no residuary clause.

The inventory of his personal effects amounts to but 457 pounds, although from the records and the account filed by his executor, who was his eldest son, and his mercantile partner, he owned other real estate than that mentioned in his will. By his wife Susanna, who survived him, and was a prominent Friend and who adhered

¹Idem., 373.

to the society, he appears to have had four children ; John, the eldest son, to whom we have referred, and of whom more presently ; Thomas, who died at Philadelphia in 1699, leaving issue, Mary and George, whose descendants we are unable to trace, and daughters Mary, born at Burlington, 2d 7th mo., 1679, who married William Allen and was an ancestress of Chief Justice Allen, of the supreme court of the province of Pennsylvania, and Rose, also born at Burlington, 13th 1st month, 1680, but of whom we know nothing more.

John, the eldest son, and who it seems was at one time sheriff of Philadelphia county, having left and been probably disowned by the society, became a Presbyterian and active in the religious concerns of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, then under the charge of the Rev. Jedediah Andrews. He afterwards removed to the township of *New Hanover*, then in Hunterdon, now in the eastern part of Morris county, New Jersey, adhering to his adopted faith and attaching himself to the church at Hanover, or Whippany as it was sometimes called.¹ He held the position for many years of agent to the Proprietaries. In his will recorded in the office of secretary of state at Trenton, dated Sept. 6, 1749, and proved 16 May, 1754, in which latter year we presume he died, he states he was "very aged." His wife Sarah survived him and he had several children although we can give the name of but one, *Berne*, who left sons John C., and David, and a daughter Sarah. John C., just named, also left sons, Berne W., a physician, and Vincent, both dead, and John S., who still lives near Chatham, N. J., and eight daughters. David, already mentioned, had issue, William T., Israel W., and one daughter. John Budd, the son of the author,

¹ Webster's *Hist. of the Presb. Church*, 315, 415, 482.

was the owner of considerable real estate in Philadelphia, and its vicinity, and of some 20,000 acres of land in New Jersey. We are informed, however, that these large possessions were of little avail to his descendants, from the fact that his widow, having married his former agent, joined with the latter in conveying land; and the titles thus attempted to be made were for so long a time allowed to remain unimpeached that the statute of limitations barred the prosecution of any claim.

Our author had several brothers, *James*, of whom we have spoken and who was drowned at Burlington; *John*, who died at Philadelphia in 1704 without issue, and *William Budd*, who died in 1723 at his farm in Northampton Township, Burlington County, about four miles west of Mount Holly, and who by his will left a benefaction to the Episcopal Church of St. Mary's at Burlington, of which he appears to have been a steadfast member, and where he is buried, and also land in Northampton Township¹, on which to build a Church. His descendants are very numerous in Pennsylvania, and in southern New Jersey, and we believe that with the exception of those of the name who trace their origin to Thomas Budd, and who are comparatively few, all the rest in the regions referred to are descended from the first William. Rachel Budd, a grand-daughter of the latter, married Wm. Bradford, whose ancestor was the famous printer of that name, and became the mother of Wm. Bradford, born 14 Sept., 1753, and who was appointed in 1794, by Washington, Attorney General of the United States. Ann, a daughter of the first William Budd, married James Bingham, whose descendant

¹ "I give unto the Episcopal Church of England 100 acres of land, reserved out of my son's, for a Church to be built thereon, and a school to be kept; the said Church to be built thereon within ten years after my decease."
—Will of *William Budd*, of *Northampton*, made 1708.—*Records at Trenton*.

Ann, the daughter of William Bingham, intermarried with Alexander Baring, whose son, Wm. Bingham Baring, became Lord Ashburton.

A work quaintly entitled: "England's Improvement by Sea and Land. To outdo the *Dutch* without fighting. To pay debts without money. To set at work all the poor of England with the growth of our own Lands. To prevent unnecessary suits in Law. With the benefit of a voluntary Register, &c., by Andrew Yarranton,¹ Gent., London, 1677," 8vo, pp. 195, is copiously quoted by Budd, and doubtless suggested to him the composition of this tract.

It does not, however, in the least diminish Budd's merits as an author that he should have had a model and have

¹Yarranton, at the end of his book gives the following curious account of himself and his various employments. "I was an Apprentice to a Linnen Draper when this King was born (Charles II), and continued at the Trade some years. But the shop being too narrow and short for my large mind, I took leave of my Master, but said nothing. Then I lived a country life for some years, and in the late Wars I was a soldier, and sometimes had the honor and misfortune to lodge and dislodge an Army: In the year one thousand six hundred and fifty-two, I entered upon Iron works, and plid them several years, and in these times I made it my business to survey the three great rivers of England, and some small ones; and made two navigable and a third almost completed. * * * If any gentleman, or others please to put pen to paper in opposition to what is here asserted I shall give him a civil return, bound up with the second part, where these seven heads shall be Treated on." His 6th head contains the following announcement.

"6thly. How to employ six thousand young lawyers, and three thousand Priests, for the good of the Public and mankind, who now have neither practice nor cure of souls."

Yarranton published besides his "England's Improvement," another work entitled "Yarranton's Improvement by Clover."

Some account may be found of him in "Dove's Elements of Political Science, pp. 402-470, Lond., 8vo, 1854," which account has also been published separately in 12mo, and the best biographical sketch is in Smile's Industrial Biography, pp. 60-76, Lond., 8vo, 1863.

freely used it, for no one can read this production without being struck with the forecast and originality of many of his views, and above all, with the public spirit which inspired the publication of a work whose sole aim seems to have been, to set forth to his countrymen the advantages presented in the choice of a new home in the wilderness of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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NOTE.

The following is the account of Budd's examination, and to which reference has been made on the first page of the introduction. It is a picture of the times, and proves how straightforwardness and honest shrewdness sometimes baffle those who seek to entrap.

The history of the persecution of the Quakers is full of examples as striking as this selected, in which the parties questioned were driven by the replies received to conclusions as undesirable as they were unexpected — into

dilemmas from which there was no escape even by equivocation.

“On the 7th of the month called April, this year (1657) was a meeting at the house of Thomas Budd, in the parish of Martock, to which five Priests came, attended by a rabble furnished with staves, cudgels, pitchforks and such like rustic arms. They rushed into the meeting with so much confusion and noise that the preacher could not be heard. Their coming indeed made it a riotous assembly, which the moment before was a congregation of grave and serious Christians of sober and virtuous conversation, and some of them of considerable estates. However, the Priest who brought the mob and caused the riot, complained to the magistrates that the meeting held at Thomas Budd’s was a riotous assembly, to the destruction of the public peace. Whereupon one Captain Raymond, with his soldiers, was ordered to disperse the next meeting that should be held there. Accordingly he came thither on the 23d of the same month, when Thomas Salthouse was preaching and took him, together with Thomas Budd, into custody, and conducted them next day to Robert Hunt, Justice of the Peace, they were by him and others examined.

Justices. What is your name?

T. S. Thomas Salthouse.

Justices. Do you acknowledge subjection to the present government of this Nation?

T. S. I own the higher power, and the wholesome laws of this land, which are grounded upon the law of equity, by which I stand to be judged, and am now brought before you in submission to the present government by Captain Raymond’s order. I expect the privilege of a free born Englishman, to wit: Liberty of conscience, to wait upon and worship God in spirit, according as is exprest in the Instrument of government.

Justices. We require you to be uncovered before the Magistrate.

T. S. I am sensible that I am in the presence of the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, and I know of no offence in standing before Him with my hat on; and if it be no offence to Him, who is the Lord and Master, I hope its none to moderate men, though magistrates, that are but his servants.

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Justices. How are you maintained? How do you live?

T. S. I want for nothing; I have food and raiment, and am therewith content.

Justices. An highwayman would say so much for himself.

T. S. Do you look upon me to be such an one? To whom have I been burdensome? or where is mine accuser that hath any thing to lay to my charge?

Justices. Here is Captain Raymond doth accuse you.

T. S. It's well he is present. His words cannot be wrested. Captain Raymond! What hast thou to lay to my charge, or accuse me of?

Capt. Raymond. You slighted me, and gave me no good account of your business, or whence you came, or where you lived.

T. S. That was not a fit time to examine me, the company being in confusion and disorder and several speaking to me who had no authority. Though I denied not to answer them, nor do I now deny either my name, birth, or outward habitation. I have a father and mother living, who have a good estate in the outward, from whom I have been, and may expect to be, supplied, when I have need of anything in the outward.

Justices. There is a scripture that you little mind: He that will not work, neither let him eat.

T. S. I own that scripture, and must answer you with another: Cursed is he that doth the work of the Lord negligently.

BUDD'S EXAMINATION.

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Justice Hunt. Do you know what calling he is of? (Referring to Salt-house).

T. B. I know not of what calling he hath been formerly, but I believe he is called to preach the gospel.

Justice Hunt. What ground have you to believe that he is called to the ministry?

T. B. Because the word preached by him has reached my heart.

Priest Walker. Can you own that man to be a true minister, that will not acknowledge the scriptures to be the word of God? What say you Mr. Budd. Are the scriptures the word of God, yea, or no?

T. B. Christ is the word; and the scriptures a true declaration of him.

Priest. But do you own the scriptures, both of the old and new testament, to be truth?

T. B. Yea, I do.

Priest. Gentlemen, I shall desire you to give me leave to ask Mr. Budd some further questions.

T. B. Thou art no Justice of the Peace, therefore I am not bound to answer thee.

Priest. But seeing the gentlemen have given me liberty, let me ask you did you ever take tithes when you were a minister?

T. B. I have never sued any man for tithes, while I acted as a minister

in the national way ; and if any are free to give their tithes to the minister I have nothing against it ; but for ministers to enforce the payment of tithes from the people by lawsuits, I know no law in scripture that will warrant such a practice.

Justice Hunt. If men were free to pay these dues, the minister would have no need to sue them.

T. B. Possibly they may not profit by their ministry and therefore they are not free to pay them.

Justice Hunt. Though they are evil ministers, yet the people are not to withhold their dues from them ; for Judas had a maintenance as well as the rest of the Apostles.

T. B. If any are free to maintain a Judas, they may use their liberty.

I desire to ask one question more of Mr. Budd : Do you own the resurrection of the just and unjust ?

T. B. Yea, I do.

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Justice Cary. Mr. Budd, your friends are much grieved that you have been a man so much given to change.

T. B. I wish all my friends would turn all their grief into grief for their own sins. And not only I, but Paul himself doth witness a change, saying of himself, that he was a persecutor, a blasphemer and injurious, but God shewed mercy.

Justice Hunt. Did not you preach Christ formerly, when you were a minister ?

T. B. Yea, I did preach Christ in a national manner, but now I witness him in life and power.

Justice Hunt. Do you own magistrates and government ?

T. B. Yea, I do.

Justice Hunt. Is not honor due to magistrates ?

T. B. Yea, to such magistrates as are a terror to evil doers.

Priest. But there is honor due to evil magistrates.

T. B. What, as being evil ?

Priest. Yea.

T. B. Wilt thou set it down in writing under thy hand ?

Justice Hunt. Nay, it is not due to them as evil but as magistrates.

T. B. This I own : That there is honor due to the power, for there is no power but of God.

Justice Hunt. Do you then distinguish between the person and the power ?

T. B. Yea.

Justice Hunt. So then it seems there is honor due to the power, but none to the person: How then is this honor expressed?

T. B. Not by flattering titles and compliments, but by love, service, duty and obedience." — Besse's *Sufferings of the Quakers*, I, 578.

This examination shows with what a noble spirit of undaunted innocence and intrepidity these men maintained their religious right of assembling together for the worship of God, for which they stood ready to sacrifice their liberty, and even life itself. Notwithstanding this convincing proof, both of the meekness and magnanimity by which true Christian sufferers in the cause of a good conscience are supported, the issue was that the justices sent Thomas Salthouse to prison.

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Likewise, feveral other things needful to be understood by those that are or do intend to be concerned in planting in the said Countries.

All which is laid down very plain, in this small Treatise; it being easie to be understood by any ordinary Capacity. To which the *Reader* is referred for his further satisfaction.

By Thomas Budd.

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Those that have generous Spirits, whose desires and Endeavours are to bring the Creation into Order, do I dedicate This, the first Fruits of my Endeavours.

I *Taking into consideration the distressed Condition that many thousand Families lie under in my Native Country, by reason of the deadness of Trade, and want of work, and believing that many that have great store of Money that lies by them unemploy'd, would be willing and ready to assist and encourage those poor distressed People, by supplying them with Monies, in order to bring them out of that Slavery and Poverty they groan under, if they might do it with safety to themselves. These Considerations put me on writing this small Treatise, wherein I hope the Reader will have full Satisfaction, that the Rich may help to relieve the Poor, and yet reap great Profit and Advantage to themselves by their so doing, which if it so happen that Rich and Poor are benefitted by following the Advice here given, then will be answered to the hearty Desires of.* (See note No. 1).

Your True and Well-wishing Friend
THOMAS BVDD.

It is to be noted, that the Government [of these Countries is so settled by Concessions, and such care taken by the establishment of certain fundamental Laws, by which every Man's Liberty and Property, both as Men and Christians, are preserved; so that non shall be hurt in his Person, Estate or Liberty for his Religious Perswasion or Practice in Worship towards God. (See note No. 2).

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PENNSYLVANIA and *New-Jersey* in *America* lieth about forty and forty two Degrees of North Latitude, and is severed the one from the other by the River of *Delaware* on the West, and separated from *New York* Collony by *Sandy-hooch-Bay*, and part of *Hudsons* River on the East. The dayes in the Winter are about two hours longer, and in the Summer two hours shorter than in *England*, the Summer somewhat hotter, which causeth the Fruits and Corn somewhat to ripen faster than in *England*, and the Harvest for *Wheat*, *Rye* and *Barley*, being about the latter end of *June*. In the Winter season it is cold and freezing Weather, and sometimes Snow, but commonly very clear and Sun-shine, which soon dissolves it. (See note No. 3).

The Country is well Watered, the River of *Delaware* being navigable for Ships of great burthen to *Burlington* (see note No. 4), which from the *Capes*, or entrance, is accounted an hundred and forty Miles; and for Sloops to the Falls, which is about ten miles farther.

The Bay of *Sandy-Hooch* (see note No. 5), on *East-Jersey* is a safe and excellent Harbour for any Fleet of Ships, which can lie there in all Weathers, and go in

and out to Sea in Winter, as well as Summer, and Ships of great Burthen can lie close to the Town of *New-Perth*, (see note No. 6) which renders it a good Scituation for Navigation, from whence in six Hours time at most, Ships can go out into the Sea; and close by the Town of *Perth* runs up *Rariton* River. From the Falls of *Delaware* River the *Indians* go in Cannows up the said River, to an *Indian* Town called *Minisincks*, which is accounted from the Falls about eighty miles; but this they perform by great Labour in setting up against the Stream; but they can come down with ease and speed; the River from the Falls runs from the North and North-West about twenty miles, as I my self observed in my Travel so far by the River, but by the *Indians* Information, it cometh about more Easterly farther up. I have been informed, that about *Minisincks* (see note No. 7), by the Rivar-side, both in *New-Jersey* and *Pennsylvania* is great quantities of exceeding rich open Land, which is occasioned by washing down of the Leaves and Soil in great Rains from the Mountains, which Land is exceeding good, for the raising of *Hemp* and *Flax*, *Wheat*, or any other sorts of Corn, Fruits, Roots &c. Where in time may be conveniently settled a Manufacture for the making of *Linnen Cloth*, *Cordage*, *Twine*, *Sacking*, *Fishing-Nets*, and all other commodities commonly made of Hemp or Flax: And after great Rains, we may bring down great quantities of Goods in flat-bottom-Boats, built for that purpose,

which will then come down, by reason of the Land-floods with speed.

And into this River, betwixt the Capes and the Falls, run many navigable Rivers and Cricks, some of them fifteen or twenty Miles, and others less, which Rivers and Cricks are made by the plenty of Springs and Brooks, that run out of the Country, many of which Brooks are so considerable, as to be fit to drive Mills. And above the falls, in travelling of twenty Miles by the Rivers side, I went over twenty runnings of water, five or six of them being fit to build Mills on.

The Country for the most part is pretty leavel, until we come about ten Miles above the Falls, where it is Mountanious for many Miles, but interlaced with fertile Valleys. The Bay and River of *Delaware*, and the Rivers and Cricks that runs into it, are plentifully stored with various sorts of good *Fish* and *Water-Fowl* as *Swans*, *Geese*, *Ducks*, *Wigeons*, &c. And a considerable *Whale-Fishery* (see note No. 8), may be carried on in the Bay of *Delaware*, and on the Sea-Coasts of *New-Jersey*, there being *Whale-Fisheries* already begun, plenty of *Whales* being by experience found there, and the Winter-time being the time for the catching them, they will not thereby be hindred of raising there Summer-Crops; and the Oyl and Bone being good commodities to be sent for *England*, there also being in the Bay of *Delaware* and *Sandy-Hoock*, *Drums*, *Sheeps-Heads*, *Bass*, and other sorts of large

Fish, which may be fit to salt up in Casks to keep for use, and Transportation also. There are great plenty of *Oysters*, which may be pickled and put up in small Casks for use. Likewise, in *Delaware* River are great plenty of *Sturgion*, which doubtless might be a good Trade, if managed by such Persons as are skilful in the boiling and pickling of them, so as to preserve them good to *Barbadoes*, and other adjacent Islands. There are also in the Spring great quantities of a sort of Fish like *Herrings*: with plenty of the Fish called *Shads*, but not like the *Shads* in *England*, but of another kind, being a much better sort of Fish; the Inhabitants usually catch quantities, which they salt up, and pack them in Barrels for Winter's Provision.

The Lands from the Capes, to about six Miles above *New-Castle* (which is by estimation ninety Miles) is for the most part very rich, there being very many navigable Cricks on both sides of the River, and on the River and Cricks are great quantities of rich fat Marsh Land, which causeth those parts, to some fresh People, to be somewhat unhealthful in the latter part of the Summer, at which time some of them have *Agues*: Also in and near these Marshes, are small Flies, called *Musketoes*, which are troublesome to such People as are not used to them; but were those Marshes banked, and drained, and then plowed and sowed, some Years with Corn, and then with *English* Hay-seed, I do suppose it would be healthful, and very little troubled with *Musketoes*; and if Cattle did commonly feed on this Ground, and tread it as in *England*, I suppose it

would not be inferior to the rich Meadows on the River of *Thames*; and were quantities of this Land laid dry, and brought into Tillage, I suppose it would bear great Crops of *Wheat*, *Pease* and *Barley*, *Hemp*, and *Flax*, and it would be very fit for *Hop-Gardens*, and for *English Grass*, which might serve for rich Pastures or Meadow. Also these Marshes are fit for *Rape*, and were *Rape-Mills* built, and the design managed, so as it would be if it were in *England* or *Holland*, a great Trade might be carried on, and many hundred Tuns of *Rape-Oyl* might be made yearly, and sent to *England*, to the Planters inrichment; and not only so, but would be for Merchants advantage, they thereby having Goods to freight their Ships, which would tend to the benefit of the Inhabitants in general.

And if those Trades and Designs are carried on to effect, as are mentioned in this Treatise, there would naturally follow Trade and Imployment for *Shipwrights*, *Boatwrights*, *Coopers*, *Carpenters*, *Smiths*, *Ropers*, *Mariners*, *Weavers*, *Butchers*, *Bakers*, *Brewers*; and many other sorts of Trades would have full Imployment.

From six Miles above *New-Castle* to the Falls of *Delaware* (which is about sixty Miles) and so to the Head of the said River, the *Water* is clear, fresh, and fit for Brewing, or any other use.

The *Air* clear and good, it being supposed to be as healthful as any part of *England*.

The *Land* is in Veins, some good, and some bad,

but the greatest part will bear good Corn, as *Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats; Indian Corn, Buck-Wheat, Pease* and *Indian Beans, &c.*

Fruits that grow natural in the Countries are *Strawberries, Cranberries, Huckleberries, Blackberries, Medlars, Grapes, Plums, Hickery-Nuts, Walnuts, Mulberries, Chestnuts, Hasselnuts, &c.*

Garden Fruits groweth well, as *Cabbage, Colworts, Colliflowers, Sparagrass, Carrots, Parsneps, Turnups, Onions, Cucumbers, Pumpkins, Water-Mellons, Musk-Mellons, Squashes, Potatoes, Currants, Goosberries, Roses, Carnations, Tulips, Garden-Herbs, Flowers, Seeds, Fruits, &c.* for such as grow in *England*, certainly will grow here.

Orchards of *Apples, Pears, Quinces, Peaches, Apricocks, Plums, Cherries*, and other sorts of the usual Fruits of *England* may be soon raised to good advantage, the Trees growing faster than in *England*, whereof great quantities of *Sider* may be made. And were Glass-houses erected to furnish us with Bottles, we might have a profitable Trade, by sending *Sider* to *Jamaica* and *Barbadoes, &c.* ready bottled, which is commonly so sent from *Herefordshire* to *London*.

It is supposed that we may make as good Wines as in *France*, (if Vineyards were planted on the sides of Hills or Banks, which are defended from the cold North-West Winds) with such Vines as the *Frenchmen* commonly make those Wines of; for the Climate is as proper as any part of *France*, therefore it is rational to believe, that the Wines will be as rich and

good as in *France*. There are some Vineyards already planted in *Pennsylvania*, and more intended to be planted by some *French-Protestants*, and others, that are gone to settle there. (See note No. 9).

Several other Commodities may be raised here, as *Rice* which is known to have been sown for a tryal, and it grew very well, and yielded good encrease.

Also *Annis-Seeds* I have been informed groweth well, and might be a profitable Commodity, there being great Quantities used in *England* by Distillers.

Liquorish doubtless would grow very well. And I question not but that *Mather*, *Woad*, and other Plants and Roots for Dyers use might be raised. *Shuемack* groweth naturally. Also several useful Drugs grow naturally, as *Sassafrass*, *Sassaperella*, *Cullamus*, *Aromaticus*, *Snake-Root*, *Iallappa*, &c.

The *Pine-Tree* groweth here, out of which is made *Pitch*, *Tar*, *Rosin*, and *Turpentine*: In *New-England* some make quantities of *Tar* out of the knots of *Pine Trees*, with which they supply themselves and others.

There are many other sorts of *Plants*, *Roots* and *Herbs* of great *Virtue*, which grow here, which are found to cure such *Distempers* as the *People* are insident to.

Hops in some places grow naturally, but were *Hop-Gardens* planted in low rich Land, quantities might be raised to good advantage.

There is no *Lime Stone* as we yet know of, but we make *Lime* of *Oyster Shels*, which by the *Sea* and

Bay side are so plentiful, that we may load Ships with them.

There are several sorts of good *Clay*, of which Bricks, Earthen-Ware, and Tobacco-Pipes are made; and in some places there are Quarries of a ruf hard Stone, which are good to wall Cellars, and some Stone fit for Pavement.

The *Trees* grow but thin in most places, and very little under-Wood. In the *Woods* groweth plentifully a course sort of *Grass*, which is so proving that it soon makes the Cattel and Horses fat in the Summer, but the *Hay* being course, which is chiefly gotten on the fresh Marshes, the Cattel loseth their Flesh in the Winter, and become very poor, except we give them Corn: But this may be remedyed in time, by draining of low rich Land, and by plowing of it, and sowing it with *English-Grass-seed*, which here thrives very well.

The *Hogs* are fat in the Woods when it is a good Mast-year.

The Woods are furnished with store of Wild Fowl, as *Turkeys*, *Pheasants*, *Heath-Cocks*, *Putridges*, *Pidgeons*, *Blackbirds*, &c. And People that will take the pains to raise the various sorts of tame Fowl, may do it with as little trouble, and less charge, than they can in *England*, by reason of what they find in the Woods.

Bees are found by the experience of several that keep them, to thrive very well.

I do not question but that we might make good strong sound *Beer*, *Ale* and *Mum*, that would keep well

to *Barbadoes* the Water being good, and *Wheat* and *Barley* in a few Years like to be very plentiful : Great quantities of *Beer*, *Ale* and *Mum* is sent yearly from *London*, and other places, to *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica*, and other Islands in *America*, where it sells to good advantage ; and if *Beer*, *Ale* and *Mum* (see note No. 10), hold good from *England* to those places, which 'tis said is above one thousand Leagues ; I question not but if it be well brewed in a seasonable time of the Year, and put up in good Casks, but it will keep good to be Transported from *Delaware* River to those Islands aforesaid, which by computation, is not above half so far. If Merchants can gain by sending *Beer*, *Ale* and *Mum* from *England*, where Corn is dear, and Freight is dear, by reason of the length of the Voyage, we in all probability must get much more, that buy our Corn cheap, and pay less Freight.

Flower and *Bisket* may be made in great quantities in a few Years, the *Wheat* being very good, which seldom fails of finding a good Market at *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica*, and the *Cariëb* Islands : great quantities are sent yearly from *London*, and other places, which if they can make Profit of it, we much more for the Reasons already given.

Pork is but about half the price as in *England*, therefore the Inhabitants will seldom have their Market spoiled by any that come from *England*, of which Commodity the Inhabitants in a few Years will have Quantities to sell to the Merchant, which is salted, and packed in *Bärrels*, and so transported to

Jamaica, Barbadoes, Nevis, and other Islands. Hams of *Bacon* are also made, much after the same manner as in *West-Falia*, and the Bacon eats much like it.

Our *Beef* in the Fall is very fat and good, and we are likely in a few Years to have great Plenty, which will serve our Families, and furnish Shipping.

Our *Mutton* is also fat, sound and good being only fed with natural Grass; but if we sprinkle but a little *English Hay-Seed* on the Land without Plowing, and then feed Sheep on it, in a little time it will so increase, that it will cover the Land with *English Grass*, like unto our Pastures in *England*, provided the Land be good. We find the Profits of Sheep are considerable.

Our *Butter* is very good, and our *Cheese* is indifferent good, but when we have Pastures of *English Grass*, (which many are getting into) then I suppose our *Cheese* will be as good as that of *England*.

Our *Horses* are good serviceable Horses, fit both for Draught and Saddle, the Planters will ride them fifty Miles a day, without Shoes, and some of them are indifferent good shapes; of which many Ships are freighted yearly from *New-England* with Horses to *Barbadoes, Nevis*, and other places; and some Ships have also been freighted out of *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey* with Horses to *Barbadoes*; but if we had some choise Horses from *England*, and did get some of the best of our Mares, and keep them well in the Winter, and in Pastures inclosed in the Summer, to prevent there going amongst other Horses, we might then

have a choice breed of Horses, which would tend much to the advantage of the Inhabitants. (See note No. 11).

The Commodities fit to send to *England*, besides what are already named, are the Skins of the several wild Beasts that are in the Country, as *Elks, Deer, Beaver, Fisher, Bear, Fox, Raccoon, Marten, Otter, Woolf, Muskquash, Mink, Cat, &c.*

Potashes may be here made, and *Soap*, not only to the supply of our selves, but to sell to our Neighbours.

Also *Iron* may be here made, there being one *Iron-Work* already in *East-Jersey*. (See note No. 12).

Likewise, we may furnish Merchants with Pipe-Staves, and other Coopers Timber and Hoops.

The *Woolen* Manufacture may be managed in *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*, to good advantage, the upper parts of the country being very fit for the keeping of Sheep, the Wool being found to be good, and the Sheep not subject to the *Rat*: The Ewes commonly after the first time, being two Lambs at once.

But it may be queried, *How shall the Sheep be preserved from the Woolf?*

I answer; Get such a Flock as it may answer the charge, for a boy to make it his full Employment to look after them, and let them be penned at Night in a House or Fold provided for that purpose. If one man have not enough to imploy a Shepherd, then let several joyn their Stock together.

But it may be queried, *Where shall Wool be gotten to*

carry on the Woollen Manufacture, untill we have of our own raising?

I answer; in *Road-Island*, and some other adjacent Islands and Places, Wool may be bought at six Pence a Pound, and considerable quantities may be there had, which will supply until we can raise enough of our own.

Also, we may have *Cotton-Wool* (see note No. 13) from *Barbadoes*, and other adjacent Islands in returns for our Provisions that we send them. So that the making of Cotton-Cloth and Fustians may be likewise made to good advantage, the *Cotton-Wool* being purchased by the growth of our own Country; and the Linnen-Yarn being spun by our own Families, of *Flax*, of our own growth and ordering.

The *Tanning-Trade* and *Shomaking* may here be managed to good advantage, *Hides* being plenty, and to be had at moderate Prices, and *Bark* to be had for only the charge in getting it.

A *Skinner* that can dress Skins in Oyl, may do very well; for we have *Elk* skins, and plenty of *Buck* and *Doe* skins, which the Inhabitants give (at *New York*, where there are such Trades) one half for dressing the other.

There ought to be *publick Store-Houses* provided for all Persons to bring their Flax, Hemp and Linnen Cloth to, where it may be preserved clean and dry at a very small Charge, and the owner at liberty to take it out at his own will and pleasure, or to sell, transfer or assign it to another. Now the Hemp, Flax and Linnen Cloth being brought into the publick Store-

House, and the Quantity, Quality and Value of it there registred in the Book, to be kept for that purpose; and the Person that hath put in the said Hemp, Flax and Linnen Cloth, taking a Note under the Hand and Seal, from the Store-house Register, of the quantity, quality and value of the Hemp, Flax and Linnen Cloth, brought into the publick Store-House, with the time it was delivered; these Notes will pass from one man to another all one as Money: *As for Example,* Suppose I am a Merchant, that am furnished with divers sorts of goods, I sell them to a Planter, and receive their Notes which they had from the Store-house *Registry*, in pay for my goods, to the value of one hundred Pounds. I buy of the Clothier in Woolen Cloth to the value of sixty pounds, and of the Roper in Cordage to the value of forty pounds; I pay them by these Notes on the Store-house; the Clother he buys Woolen Yarn of the Master of the Spinning-School, to the value of sixty pounds, and payes him by these Notes on the publick Store; the Master of the Spinning-School buys of the Farmer in Wool to the value of sixty pounds, and pays him by these Notes; the Farmer buyeth of the Merchant in Goods to the value of sixty pounds, and pays him by these Notes; the Merchant receiveth on demand, from the publick Store, in Linnen Cloth to the value of sixty pound, at receiving thereof he delivereth up the Notes to the Register of the publick Store, which are cancelled, and then filed up as Waste paper. The

Roper, when he pleaseth, receives on demand, in Hemp to the value of forty pounds out of the publick Store, by which he is made capable of imploying his Servants in making of Cordage; but he that hath no occasion to take out this Hemp or Flax, or Linnen Cloth, may pass these Notes from one man to another, as often as they please, which is all one as ready Money at all times.

Were the Flax and Hemp Manufacturies carried on to that height as it might be, it would greatly advance these Countries; for did we make our own Sail-cloth and Cordage, we could make Ships, Sloops and Boats at much easier Rates than they can build for in *England*, the Timber costing us nothing but Labour. And were more Saw-Mills made (see note No. 14) (of which there are divers already) to cut Planks and other Timber, both Ships and Houses might be built at easier Rates.

Many Ship Loads of Hemp is brought yearly from the East Countries to *England*, which is afterward there made into Cordage, Twine, Sacking, Fishing-Nets &c. and then transported from thence to *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Virginia*, *New-England*, and other parts of *America*, so that doubtless materials made of Hemp, must be sold in *America* by the Retailer, at double the price as it cost where it grew; by which it appears that at those prices we should have double for our labour, to what they have, and our Provisions as Cheap as theirs, it being raised on Land that cost us little.

1. Now It might be well if a Law were made by the Governours and general Assemblies of *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*, that all Persons inhabiting in the said Provinces, do put their Children seven years to the publick School, or longer, if the Parents please. (See note No. 15).

2. That Schools be provided in all Towns and Cities, and persons of known honesty, skill and understanding be yearly chosen by the Governour and General Assembly, to teach and instruct Boys and Girls in all the most useful Arts and Sciences that they in their youthful capacities may be capable to understand, as the learning to *Read* and *Write true English, Latine*, and other useful Speeches and Languages, and *fair Writing, Arithmetick* and *Book-keeping*; and the Boys to be taught and instructed in some Mystery or Trade, as the making of *Mathematical Instruments, Joynerly, Twinery*, the making of *Clocks* and *Watches, Weaving, Shoe-making*, or any other useful Trade or Mystery that the School is capable of teaching; and the Girls to be taught and instructed in *Spinning of Flax and Wool*, and *Knitting of Gloves* and *Stockings, Sewing*, and making of all sorts of useful *Needle-Work*, and the making of *Straw-Work*, as *Hats, Baskets, &c.* or any other useful Art or Mystery that the School is capable of teaching.

3. That the Scholars be kept in the Morning two hours at *Reading, Writing, Book-keeping, &c.* and other two hours at work in that Art, Mystery or Trade

that he or she most delighteth in, and then let them have two hours to dine, and for Recreation ; and in the afternoon two hours at *Reading, Writing, &c.* and the other two hours at work at their several Employments.

4. The seventh day of the Week the Scholars may come to school only in the fore-noon, and at a certain hour in the afternoon let a Meeting be kept by the School-masters and their Scholars, where after good instruction and admonition is given by the Masters, to the Scholars and thanks returned to the Lord for his Mercies and Blessings that are daily received from him, then let a strict examination be made by the Masters, of the Conversation of the Scholars in the week past, and let reproof, admonition and correction be given to the Offenders, according to the quantity and quality of their faults.

5. Let the like Meetings be kept by the School-Mistrisses, and the Girls apart from the Boys. By strictly observing this good Order, our Children will be hindred of running into that Excess of Riot and Wickedness that youth is incident to, and they will be a comfort to their tender Parents.

6. Let one thousand Acres of Land be given and laid out in a good place, to every publick School that shall be set up, and the Rent or income of it to go towards the defraying of the charge of the School.

7. And to the end that the Children of poor People, and the Children of *Indians* may have the like good Learning with the Children of Rich People, let them

be maintained free of charge to their Parents, out of the Profits of the school, arising by the Work of the Scholars, by which the Poor and the *Indians*, as well as the Rich, will have their children taught, and the Remainder of the Profits, if any be, to be disposed of in the building of School-houses, and Improvements on the thousand Acres of Land, which belongs to the School.

The manner and Profits of a Spinning-School in *Germany*, as it is laid down by *Andrew Yarenton* in his own words, in a Book of his, call'd, *England's Improvements by Sea and Land*, take as followeth.

'In *Germany*, where the Thred is made that
'makes the fine Linnens, in all Towns there are
'Schools for little Girls, six years old, and upwards, to
'teach them to spin, and so to bring their tender
'fingers by degrees to spin very fine; their Wheels go
'all by the Foot, made to go with much ease, whereby
'the action or motion is very easie and delightful: The
'way, method, rule and order how they are govern'd
'is, 1st. There is a large Room, and in the middle
'thereof a little Box like a Pulpit: 2dly, There are
'Benches built round about the Room, as they are in
'Play-houses, upon the benches sit about two hun-
'dred Children spinning, and in the box in the middle
'of the Room, sits the grand Mistress with a long
'white Wand in her hand; if she observe any of them
'idle, she reaches them a tap, but if that will not do,
'she rings a bell, which by a little Cord is fixed to

‘ the box, and out comes a Woman, she then points to
‘ the Offendor, and she is taken away into another
‘ Room and chastized; and all this is done without
‘ one word speaking : In a little Room by the School
‘ there is a Woman that is preparing, and putting Flax
‘ on the Distaffs, and upon the ringing of a Bell, and
‘ pointing the Rod at the Maid that hath spun off her
‘ Flax, she hath another Distaff given her, and her
‘ Spool of Thred taken from her, and put into a box
‘ unto others of the same size, to make Cloth, all being
‘ of equal Threds. 1st. They raise their Children, as
‘ they spin finer, to the higher Benches : 2. They sort
‘ and size all the Threds, so that they can apply them
‘ to make equal Cloths ; and after a young Maid hath
‘ been three years in the *Spinning-School*, that is taken
‘ in at six, and then continues until nine years, she
‘ will get eight pence the day, and in these parts I
‘ speak of, a man that has most Children, lives best.

Now were Spinning-Schools settled in the principal Cities and Towns in *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*, and a Law made to oblige the Parents of Children, to put their Children to School, we should then soon come into such a way of making Linnen-Cloth, as that we should not only have sufficient for our own supply, but also should have quantities to sell to the Inhabitants of our own neighbouring Provinces, where it will sell at considerable Prices, they being usually supplied from *England*, where it must be dear, after Freight, Custom, and other charges at Importation, with the Merchants

profit considered; and yet nevertheless this Cloth, thus dear bought will sell in *New-England*, *Virginia*, and some other places in *America*, at thirty Pound *per cent* profit, above the first cost in *England*, and the Moneys paid by Bills of Exchange, and the Retailer makes commonly on Goods thus bought not less than twenty Pounds *per cent*. profit: So that if all things be considered, the Cloth is sold in *America*, to the Planter at full double the price as it cost from the maker in *France* or *Germany*, from whence its brought to *England*, by which it doth appear, that if we do get such Prices for the Cloth that we make, then we shall have double for our Labour to what they have; therefore it may be well that a Law were made for the encouragement of the *Linnen Manufacture* by the Governours and General Assemblies, that all Persons inhabiting in *Pennsylvania*, or *New-Jersey*, that keep a Plow, do sow one Acre of *Flax*, and two Acres of *Hemp*, which would be a means of supplying us with *Flax* and *Hemp*, to carry on the Manufacturies of *Linnen-Cloth* and *Cordage*; and also would be very profitable to the Planter, by employing his Family in the Winter season, when they would have otherwise but little else to do, *viz.* the Men and Boys in Breaking and Dressing of it, and making it fit for use, and the Women and Girls in Spinning it, and nevertheless they may carry on their Husbandry as largely, as if nothing of this was done; the Husbandry—Affairs being chiefly betwixt the Spring and Fall.

Now to that end that a *Bank of Monies and Credit* may be in *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*, a Law may be made, that all Monies lent on Interest be at 8 l. *per cent.* by the year, and that all Bills and Bonds be entred on the publick Registry, and by Act of Assembly be made transferable by Assignments, so as the Property may go along with the Assignment; thereby a Bond or Bill will go in the Nature of *Bills of Exchange*; and so A. owing 200 l. to B. he assigns him the Bond of C. who owed him 200 l. and C. owing D. 200 l. assigns him the Bond of E. who owed him 200 l. and so one Bond or Bill would go through twenty hands, and thereby be as ready Monies, and do much to the Benefit of Trade. Also, that all Lands and Houses be put under a publick Registry, and entred in the Book, with an account of the value of them, and how occupied and tenanted, a particular thereof being given under the Hand and Seal of the Office to the Owners. We having thus fitted our selves with a publick Registry of all our Lands and Houses, whereby it is made ready Money at all times, without the charge of Law, or the necessity of a Lawyer; and a Law being made for the payment of such large Interest for Monies lent, and the security being so undeniably good, a Bank will in time arise, and such a Bank as will be for the Benefit and advantage of *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*, and Trade universal. (See note No. 16).

Suppose myself, and some others have in Houses

and Lands in *Pennsilvania* or *New-Jersey*, worth 3000 l. and are minded to mannage and carry on the Linnen Manufacture, but cannot do it, without borrowing on Interest 2000 l. therefore we come to the Bank in *Pennsilvania* or *New-Jersey*, and there tender a particular of our Lands and Houses, and how occupied or tenanted, being worth 3000 l. in *Pennsilvania* or *New-Jersey*, and desire them to lend us 2000 l. and we will Mortgage our Land and Houses for it; the answer will be, *We will send to the Register's Office your particular, and at the return of the Messenger you shall have your answer*: The Registers send answer, it is our Lands and Houses, and occupied, and tenanted, and valued according to the particular, there needs no more words but to tell us the Money, with which we carry on the Trade briskly, to the great benefit and advantage of some hundreds of People that we set to work, and to the supplying of the Inhabitants with Cloth made of Flax, grown, drest, spun and wove in our own Provinces; which Trade we could not mannage and carry on without this credit, but having this credit, we go on with our Trade comfortably, and the Lender will have his ends answered, and his Moneys well secured. And its certain, such an Anchorage, Fund, and Foundation, will then bring out the Monyes unimployed from all Persons in these Provinces, even People of all degrees will put in their Monyes, which will be put out again into Trade to Merchants, and

such as stand in need of ready Monyes; and thereby Trade is made easie, and much convenienced.

Suppose ten Families purchase in *Pennsilvania* or *New-Jersey* five thousand Acres of Land, and they lay out a small Township in the middle of it, for the conveniency of neighbourhood, to each Family one hundred Acres for Houses, Gardens, Orchards, Corn-fields and Pastures of English Grass, the remainder to lie in common, to feed their cattel; and suppose that by that time they have built their dwelling Houses, Cow-houses, Barns, and other Out-houses, and have made Enclosures about their home-lots, that their Monyes is all expended, and without a further supply to buy Oxen and Horses to plow their Land, and Cows to find their Families in Milk, Butter and Cheese, and Sows to breed a stock on, they will live but meanly for some time, therefore to amend their condition they come to the Bank, and there tender a particular of their Lands, valued to be worth 1500 l. on which they desire to take up 1000 l. to purchase a Stock of Oxen, Horses, Cows, Sows, Sheep and Servants, by which they will be enabled to carry on their Husbandry to great advantage, and the benefit of the Province in general; and it may be that in two or three years time, they may be able to pay in this Money, with Interest, to the owner; and in two or three years more may be able to bring into the Bank, to be lent out to others, one thousand pounds of their own Estates.

As to the benefit of publick Granaries on *Delaware River*, to keep the Corn for all Merchants, Bakers and Farmers that please to send it thither, that so the destruction and damages occasioned by Rats and Mice, may be prevented. In this Granary, Corn at all times may be taken in, from all Persons that please to send it, and the Corn so sent may be preserved sweet, safe, and in good Order, at a small charge for a whole year, and the owner at liberty to take it out at his own will and pleasure, or to sell, transfer or assign any part of the said Corn to any Person or Persons for the payment of his Debts, or to furnish himself with Clothing, or other Necessaries from the Merchant; and the Granary-keepers to give good security that all things should be faithfully done & discharged. Now the Corn being brought into the publick Granary, and there registered in the Register-Book, to be kept for that purpose; and the Person that hath put in said Corn, taking a Note under hand and seal, from the Granary-Register, of the quantity of Corn brought into the Granary, with the time it was delivered, and the matter and kind of the Corn, then these Advantages will ensue :

First, Preservation from the Rats and Mice, Straw to supply his Cattel, the Chaff for his Horses, and the light Corn to feed his Pigs and Poultry; his Husbandry managed with rule and order to his advantage; no forc'd haste, but thrashing and carrying the Corn to the Granary in times wherein his servants

have leisure; so in seeding time & harvest all People are freed from that. Besides, there being at all times sufficient quantities of Corn in the Granaries to load Ships, Merchants from *Barbadoes*, and other places, will come to buy Corn; of one Farmer he may buy one hundred Bushels, of another fifty, and so he may buy the Corn that belongs to sixty or eighty Farmers, and receive their Notes which they had from the Granary-Office, which Corn he letteth lie in the Granary until he have occasion to use it, then he orders his Baker to go with those notes to the Granary-Office, and receive such quantities as he hath a mind shall be made into Flower and Bisket, which the Baker does accordingly, and gets it packt up in Casks, and sent to *Barbadoes*; the remainder, if he please, he may sell to some other Merchant that lives at *Barbadoes*, or some other place, and when sold, may deliver the said Merchant the Notes on the Granary-Office, at sight whereof they may receive their Corn, if they please, or they may pass those Notes from one to another, as often as they please, which is all one as Money, the Corn being lodged safe, and kept in the publick Granary, will be the occasion of imploying much of the Cash of *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*; most People near these publick Bank-Granaries, will be dealing to have some Corn in Bank-Credit; for that cannot miss of finding an encrease and benefit to them in the rise of Corn.

The best places at present for the building of

Granaries, are, I suppose, *Burlington* in *West-Jersey*, *Philadelphia* and *New-Castle* in *Pennsylvania*, and *New Perth* in *East-Jersey*, which places are excellently situated, there being many Navigable Rivers, whereby Trade is very communicable, and the Corn may be brought in Boats and Sloops from most places now inhabited, by water to these publick *Granaries*, for small charge, and from the *Granaries* may be carried to *Water-Mills* to grind, which are some of them so conveniently situated, that Boats may come to the *Mill-Tayl*, which is also a great conveniency to those that trade much in Corn.

Now I will demonstrate, and shew you the length, breadth and height the *Granaries* ought to be of, to hold this Corn; as also the Charge of building one of them, and the way how it should be built for the best advantage, with the way of ordering and managing the Corn, that it may keep good, sweet and clean, eight or ten years. The *Granaries* must be three hundred Foot long, eighteen Foot wide betwixt inside and inside, seven Stories high, each Story seven Foot high, all to be built of good well burnt Brick, and laid in Lime and Sand very well; the ends of the *Granaries* must be set *North* and *South*, so the sides will be *East* and *West*; and in the sides of the *Granaries*, there must be large Windows to open and shut close, that when the Wind blows at *West*, the Windows may be laid open, and then the *Granary* man will be turning and winding the Corn, and all Filth and

Dross will be blown out at the Window. When the Weather is fair, then throw open the Windows, to let in the Air to the Corn; and in the middle, there must be Stoves to be kept with Fire in them in all moist or wet times, or at going away of great *Frosts* and *Snow*, to prevent moistness either in the Brick-walls, Timber, Boards or Corn. There must be in each side of the *Granaries*, three or four long Troughs or Spouts fixt in the uppermost Loft, which must run about twenty Foot out of the Granary; and in fine Weather, the *Granary* men must be throwing the Corn out of the uppermost Loft, and so it will fall into another Spout made ten Foot wide at the top, and through that Spout the Corn descends into the lowermost Loft, and then wound up on the inside of the Granary, by a Crane fixt for that purpose, and the Corn receiving the benefit of the Air, falling down thirty Foot before it comes into the second Spout, cleanseth it from its filth and Chaff; these Spouts are to be taken off and on, as occasion requires, and to be fixt to another of the Lofts, that when Vessels come to load Corn, they may through these Spouts convey the Corn into the Boats or Sloops, without any thing of Labour, by carrying it on the Backs of men.

The charge of one *Granary* three Hundred Foot long, eighteen Foot wide, seven Stories high, seven Foot betwixt each story, being built with Brick in *England*, as by the Account of *Andrew Yarenton*, take as followeth; *Six hundred thousand of Bricks builds a*

Granary, two Bricks and a half thick the two first Stories, two Bricks thick the three next Stories, Brick and a half thick the two uppermost Stories; and the Brick will be made and delivered, on the Place for eight Shillings the Thousand, the laying of Brick three Shillings the Thousand, Lime and Sand two Shillings the Thousand; so Brick-laying, Lime and Sand will be thirteen Shillings the Thousand, one hundred and fifty Tuns of Oak for Summers-Joists and Roof, 170 l. Boards for the six Stories, sixty thousand Foot, at 13s. 4d. The one hundred Foot and ten thousand Foot for Window-Doors and Spouts at the same rate, 48 l. Laths and Tiles 100 l. Carpenters work 70 l. Iron, Nails and odd things 60 l. So the charge of a Granary will be 800 l. There will be kept in this Granary fourteen thousand Quarters of Corn, which is two thousand Quarters in every Loft, which will be a thousand Bushels in every Bay; six labouring men, with one Clerk, will be sufficient to manage this Granary, to turn and wind the Corn, and keep the Books of Accounts; fifteen pounds a piece allowed to the six men, and thirty pound a year to the Clerk and Register, will be Wages sufficient; so the Servants Wages will be 120 l. per annum, allow ten in the hundred for Monies laid out for building the Granaries, which is 80 l. so the charge will be yearly 200 l. Now if the Country-man pay six pence a Quarter yearly for keeping his Corn safe and sweet in the Granary, fourteen thousand Quarters will come to 350 l. for Granary-Rent yearly.

Admit I have a Propriety of Land in *Pennsilvania* or *New-Jersey*, either place then alloweth me to take up five thousand Acres, with Town or City-Lots, upon condition that I settle ten Families on it, therefore I send over ten Families of honest industrious People, the charge of each Family is 100 l. as by the account of particulars appears, as followeth.

	l.	s.	d.
For one hundred Acres of Land -	05	00	00
For the Passage of the Family, five persons, - - - - -	25	00	00
For fresh provisions to use on Ship-board, over and above the Ships allowance, as <i>Rice, Oatmeal, Flower, Butter, Sugar, Brandy</i> , and some odd things more, which I leave to the discretion of those that go, - - - - -	05	00	00
For 3 hundred weight of six penny, eight penny and ten penny Nails, to be used on sides and Roof of the House, -	05	00	00
For a Share and Coulter, a Plow-Chain, 2 Seythes, 4 Sickles, a horse Collar, some Cordage for Harness, 2 Stock Locks, 2 weeding Hoes, 2 grubbing Hoes, one cross-cut Saw, 2 Iron Wedges, 1 Iron Pot, 1 frying Pan, 2 falling Axes, 1 broad Ax, 1 Spade, 1 Hatchet, 1 Fro to cleave Clapboard, Shingle and Coopers Timber, - -	05	00	00

For Portridge, Custom-house charge	}	l.	s.	d.
and freight, &c. on the goods, - -		02	00	00
For Insurance of the one hundred	}	03	00	00
pound - - - - -		<u>03</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>
In all - - -		<u>50</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>

The remaining fifty Pounds may do well to lay out in these goods, which are the most vendable in the Country, *viz.*

		l.	s.	d.
Ten pieces of Serge, at - - -		20	00	00
Six pieces of narrow blew Linnen,	}	05	00	00
containing about two hundred Yards, -				
200 Els of brown Ossembrigs, at	}	07	10	00
about - - - - -				
Half a piece of three quarters Dowlis,		03	10	00
Three pieces of coulered Linnen -		02	10	00
Two pieces of Yorkshire Kerseys, -		04	00	00
One piece of red Peniston, above 40	}	03	00	00
yards, at 18 <i>d</i> , <i>per Yard</i> , - - -				
One piece of Demity, - - -		00	15	00
In Buttons and Silk, Tape and Thred	}	03	15	00
suitable to the Clothes, - - -		<u>03</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>00</u>
In All - - -		<u>50</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>

And when you come into the Country, you may lay out the above-mentioned goods to purchase a stock of Cattel and Provisions, &c. which for goods at the first cost in *England*, will buy at the prices under-mentioned, *viz.*

	l.	s.	d.
One pair of working Oxen, at	-	06	00 00
One Mare 3 l. and four Cows and Calves, 12 l.	- - - -	15	00 00
One Bull 2 l. ten Ewes 3 l. 10 s.	-	05	10 00
Four breeding Sows, and one Boor,	-	04	00 00
One fat Ox to kill for winter Provi- sions, - - - - -	- - - - -	03	10 00
400 pound of Pork, at 3 half pence <i>per pound</i> , - - - - -	- - - - -	02	10 00
24 pound of Butter, at 4 <i>d. per pound</i> ,		00	08 00
One Barrel of salted Fish, - -		00	10 00
One Barrel of Malassas to make Beer,		01	08 00
40 Bushels of Indian Corn, at 1 s. 8 <i>d. per Bushel</i> , - - - - -	- - - - -	03	06 08
20 Bushels of Rye, at 2 s. <i>per Bushel</i> ,		02	00 00
20 Bushels of Wheat, at 3 s. <i>per Bushel</i> ,		03	00 00
6 Bushels of Pease and Indian Beans, at 3 s. <i>per Bushel</i> , - - - - -	- - - - -	00	18 00
2 Bushels of Salt, at 2 s. <i>per Bushel</i> , -		00	04 00
50 pound of Cheese of the Country- making, at 3 <i>d. per pound</i> , - - - - -	- - - - -	00	12 06
12 pound of Candles, at 5 <i>d. per pound</i> ,		00	05 00
In Sugar, Spice, and other things, -		00	17 10
In All	- -	50	00 00

Note, That the above-mentioned Prices is for goods at first cost in England, which in Country Money

would be something above one third higher, *viz.* a Cow and Calf valued in goods at first cost at 3 d. is worth in Country Money 5 l. and other things advance much after the same proportion.

My five thousand Acres of Land cost me 100 l. I had of the ten Families for the one thousand Acres disposed of to them 50 l. my Town or City Lots will yield me currant 50 l. by which it appears I am nothing out on the four thousand Acres that is left.

I get my five thousand Acres surveyed and laid out to me, out of which I lay out for the ten Families one thousand Acres, which may be so divided, as that each family may live near one to the other; I indent with them to let the Money lie in their hands six years, for which they to pay me each family, 8 l. a year, in consideration of the one hundred pound a family laid out for them, and at the expiration of the six years, they to pay me my 1000 l. *viz.* each family 100 l. as by agreement; my Money being paid me, I am unwilling to let it lie dead, therefore I lay out in the middle of my Land one thousand Acres, which I divide into ten lots, in form and manner as before, then I indent, with fifty servants to serve me four years a piece, I place them on the Land, *viz.* five on each lot. Their Passage, and in goods to purchase Cattel and Provisions, &c. is to each five servants 100 l. as before is explained; Now I order a House to be built, and Orchards, Gardens and Inclosures to be

made, and Husbandry affairs to be carried on on each lot; so that at the four years end, as the servants time is expired, I shall have ten Farms, each containing four hundred Acres; for the one thousand Acres being laid out in the middle of my Land, the remaining three thousand Acres joyns to it.

My servants time being expired, I am willing to see what charge I am out upon these ten Farms and Stock, in order to know what I have gain'd in the ten years past, over and above 8 *l. per Cent. Interest*, that is allowed me for the use of my Money: I am out by the first charge 1000 *l.* & the Interest thereof for four years, at 8 *l. per Cent.* is for the four years 320 *l.* so that the whole charge on the ten Farms, Principal & Interest, comes to 1320 *l.* Now if I value my ten Farms but at 400 *l.* each, which is 20 *s. per Acre*, one with another; then the whole will be 4000 *l.* besides the first Stock of Cattel and Hogs, &c. to each Plantation, with its Increase for four years, which Stock cost at first to each Farm 30 *l.* in goods at first cost, but is worth 40 *l.* sterling, at which rate the Stock on the ten Farms cost 400 *l.* and if we account the four years Increase to be no more than the first Stock, yet that is 400 *l.* by which it appears that the ten Farms, and the stock on them is worth 4800 *l.* out of which deduct the Money laid out, which with Interest is 1320 *l.* So that the Neat profit, besides 8 *l. per Cent.* allowed for Interest, is for this ten years improvement, 3480 *l.* and twenty Families set at liberty from that extream

Slavery that attended them, by reason of great Poverty that they endured in *England*, and must have so continued, had not they been thus redeemed by coming into *America*. It may be thought that this is too great an undertaking for one man, which if it be, then I propose that ten joyn together in this community, and each man send over five Servants, of which let one of them be an honest man that understands Country business, as an Overseer, which if we allow him over and above his Passage and Diet 20 l. a year for his four years service, this amounts to 80 l. which is for the ten farms 800 l. which being deducted out of the 3480 l. there only remains 2680 l. clear profit to the ten men, which is for each man 268 l. for his ten years improvement of his 100 l. and his 100 l. back again with Interest for all the time at 8 l. *per Cent. per annum*, the whole producing 448 l. for his 100 l. first laid out.

Some may object, and say, *They cannot believe the Land of each farm, with its Improvements, will sell at 20 s. an Acre, that is, at twelve years purchase is 1 s. 8 d. per Acre per annum. because three hundred Acres of it is as it was, viz. Rough Woods.*

I *Answer*; That although it be so, yet these Woods are made valuable by the twenty Families that are seated near them, the first ten families having been settled ten years, the last four years; for some are willing to have their children live near them; and they having but one hundred Acres in all, it will not be well to divide that, therefore they will give a good

price for one hundred Acres, to settle a Child upon, to live by them, as experience sheweth; for in *Rhode-Island*, which is not far from us, Land rough in the Woods, not better than ours, will sell at 40 s. an Acre, which is 3 s. 4 d. *per Acre per annum*. Therefore, Reader, I hope now thou art convinced that there is a probability that what I here inform thee of, will prove true, casualties of Fire, &c. excepted.

The *Indians* are but few in Number, and have been very serviceable to us by selling us Venison, *Indian* Corn, Pease and Beans, Fish and Fowl, *Buck* Skins, *Beaver*, *Otter*, and other Skins and Furs; the Men hunt, Fish and Fowl, and the Women plant the Corn, and carry Burthens; they are many of them of a good Understanding, considering their education; and in their publick meetings of Business, they have excellent Order, one speaking after another, and while one is speaking all the rest keep silent, and do not so much as whisper one to the other: We had several Meetings with them, one was in order to put down the sale of *Rum*, *Brandy*, and other strong Liquors to them, they being a People that have not Government of themselves, so as to drink it in moderation; at which time there were eight Kings, (& many other *Indians*) one of them was *Ockanickon*, whose dying Words I writ from his Mouth, which you shall have in its order.

The *Indian* Kings sate on a Form, and we sate on another over against them; they had prepared four

Belts of *Wampum*, (See note No. 17) (so their current Money is called, being Black and White *Beads* made of a Fish Shell) to give us as Seals of the Covenant they made with us; one of the Kings by the consent and appointment of the rest stood up and made this following Speech; *The strong Liquors was first sold us by the Dutch, and they were blind, they had no Eyes, they did not see that it was for our hurt; and the next People that came amongst us, were the Sweeds, who continued the sale of those strong Liquors to us: they were also Blind, they had no Eyes, they did not see it to be hurtful to us to drink it, although we know it to be hurtful to us; but if People will sell it us, we are so in love with it, that we cannot forbear it; when we drink it, it makes us mad; we do not know what we do, we then abuse one another; we throw each other into the Fire, seven Score of our People have been killed, by reason of the drinking of it, since the time it was first sold us: Those People that sell it, they are blind, they have no Eyes, but now there is a People come to live amongst us, that have Eyes, they see it to be for our Hurt, and we know it to be for our Hurt: They are willing to deny themselves of the Profit of it if for our good; these People have Eyes; we are glad such a People are come amongst us. We must put it down by mutual consent; the Cask must be sealed up, it must be made fast, it must not leak by Day nor by Night, in the Light, nor in the Dark, and we give you these four Belts of Wampam, which we would have you lay up safe, and keep by you to be Witness of this Agree-*

ment that we make with you, and we would have you tell your Children, that these four Belts of Wampam are given you to be Witness betwixt us and you of this Agreement.

A Letter from New-Jersey in America to a Friend in London.

Dear Friend ;

I Having this short opportunity, have nothing to present thee with, but the Dying-Words of an *Indian King*, who died in *Burlington*, and was buried amongst Friends according to his desire ; and at his Burial many Tears were shed both by the *Indians* and *English* ; so in Love, and great haste, I rest thy Friend,

John Cripps. (See note No. 18).

The Dying-Words of Ockanichon, spoken to Jachkursoe, whom he appointed King after him, spoken in the Presence of several, who were Eye and Ear Witnesses of the Truth thereof.

IT was my desire, that my Brother's Son, *Jahkursoe* should be sent for to come to hear my last Words, whom I have appointed King after me. My Brother's Son, this day I deliver my Heart into thy Bosom, and would have thee love that which is Good and to keep good Company, and to refuse that which is Evil ; and

to avoid bad Company. Now inasmuch as I have delivered my Heart into thy Bosom I also deliver my Bosom to keep my Heart therein; therefore alwayes be sure to walk in a good Path, and never depart out of it. And if any Indians should speak any evil of *Indians* or *Christians*, do not joyn with it, but to look to that which is Good, and to joyn with the same alwayes. Look at the Sun from the Rising of it to the Setting of the same. In Speeches that shall be made between the *Indians* and *Christians*, if any thing be spoke that is evil, do not joyn with that, but joyn with that which is good; and when Speeches are made, do not thou speak first, but let all speak before thee, and take good notice what each man speaks, and when thou hast heard all, joyn to that which is good. Brother's Son, I would have thee to cleanse thy Ears, and take all Darkness and Foulness out, that thou mayst take notice of that which is Good and Evil, and then to joyn with that which is Good, and refuse the Evil; and also to cleanse thy Eyes, that thou mayest see both Good and Evil; and if thou see any Evil, do not joyn with it, but joyn to that which is Good. Brother's Son, Thou has heard all that is past; now I would have thee to stand up in time of *Speeches*, and to stand in my *Steps*, and follow my *Speeches* as I have said before thee, then what thou dost desire in Reason will be granted thee. Why shouldst thou not follow my Example, inasmuch as I have had a mind to do that

which is Good, and therefore do thou also the same? Whereas *Schoppy* and *Swanpis* were appointed Kings by me in my stead, and I understanding by my Doctor, that *Schoppy* secretly advised him not to cure me, and they both being with me at *John Hollinshead's* House, there I my self see by them that they were given more to *Drink*, than to take notice of my *last Words*, for I had a mind to make a Speech to them, and to my Brethren the *English Commissioners*, therefore I refused them to be Kings after me in my stead, and have chosen my Brother's Son *Iahkurosoe* in their stead to succeed me.

Brother's Son, I desire thee to be plain and fair with all, both *Indians* and *Christians*, as I have been. I am very weak, otherwise I would have spoken more; and in Testimony of the Truth of this, I have hereunto set my Hand.

The mark \mathfrak{z} of *Ockanickon*, King, now deceased.

Henry Jacob Falekinbery, Intrepreter.

Friendly Reader, when *Ockanickon* had given his Brothers Son this good Counsel, I thought meet to speak unto him as followeth; *There is a great God, who created all things, and this God giveth Man an understanding of what is Good, and what is Bad, and after th Life rewardeth the Good with Blessings, and the Bad according to their Doings*; to which he answered and said, *It is very true, it is so, there are two Wayes, a broad Way, and a strait Way; there be two Paths, a broad*

Path and a strait Path; the worst, and the greatest Number go in the broad Path, the best and fewest go in the strait Path.

T. B.

Something in Relation to a Conference had with the Indians at Burlington, shortly after we came into the Country.

THe *Indians* told us, they were advised to make War on us, and cut us off whilst we were but few, and said, They were told, that we sold them the *Small-Pox*, with the Mach Coat they had bought of us, which caused our People to be in Fears and Jealousies concerning them; therefore we sent for the *Indian Kings*, to speak with them, who with many more *Indians*, came to *Burlington*, where we had Conference with them about the matter, therefore told them, That we came amongst them by their own consent, and had bought the Land of them, for which we had honestly paid them for, and for what Commodities we had bought at any time of them, we had paid them for, and had been just to them, and had been from the time of our first coming very kind and respectful to them, therefore we knew no Reason that they had to make War on us; to which one of them, in the behalf of the rest, made this following Speech in answer, saying, ‘Our Young Men may speak such Words as we do not like, nor approve of, and we can-

‘not help that : And some of your Young Men may
‘speak such Words as you do not like, and you cannot
‘help that. We are your Brothers, and intend to live
‘like Brothers with you : We have no mind to have
‘War, for when we have War, we are only Skin and
‘Bones ; the Meat that we eat doth not do us good,
‘we alwayes are in fear, we have not the benefit of
‘the Sun to shine on us, we hide us in Holes and
‘Corners ; we are minded to live at Peace : If we
‘intend at any time to make War upon you, we will
‘let you know of it, and the Reasons why we make
‘War with you ; and if you make us satisfaction for
‘the Injury done us, for which the War is intended,
‘then we will not make War on you. And if you
‘intend at any time to make War on us, we would
‘have you let us know of it, and the Reasons for which
‘you make War on us, and then if we do not make
‘satisfaction for the Injury done unto you, then you
‘may make War on us, otherwise you ought not to do
‘it. You are our Brothers, and we are willing to live
‘like Brothers with you : We are willing to have a
‘*broad Path* for you and us to walk in, and if an *Indian*
‘is asleep in this *Path*, the *English*-man shall pass him
‘by, and do him no harm ; and if an *English*-man is
‘asleep in this *path*, the *Indian* shall pass him by, and
‘say, *He is an English-man he is asleep, let him alone,*
‘*he loves to Sleep.* It shall be a *plain Path*, there must
‘not be in this *path* a *stump* to hurt our *feet*. And as

‘ to the *Small-Pox*, it was once in my *Grandfathers*
 ‘ time, and it could not be the *English* that could send
 ‘ it us then, there being no *English* in the Country, and
 ‘ it was once in my *Fathers* time, they could not send it
 ‘ us then neither; and now it is in my time, I do not
 ‘ believe that they have sent it us now: I do believe it
 ‘ is the Man above that hath sent it us.

Some are apt to ask, How we can propose safely to live amongst such a Heathen People as the Indians, whose Principles and Practices leads them to War and Bloodshed, and our Principles and Practices leading us to love Enemies, and if reviled, not to revile again; and if smitten on the one cheek to turn the other, and we being a peaceable People, whose Principles and Practices are against Wars and Fightings?

I *Answer*: That we settled by the Indians consent and good liking, and bought the Land of them, that we settle on, which they conveyed to us by Deed under their Hands and Seals, and also submitted to several Articles of agreement with us, viz. **Not to do us any Injury**; but if it should so happen, that any of their People at any time should injure or do harm to any of us, then they to make us satisfaction for the Injury done; therefore if they break these Covenants and Agreements, then they may be proceeded against as other Offenders, viz. to be kept in subjection to the Magistrates Power, in whose hand the Sword of Justice is committed to be used by him, for the punish-

ment of Evil-doers, and praise of them that do well; therefore I do believe it to be both lawful and expedient to bring Offendors to Justice by the power of the Magistrates Sword, which is not to be used in vain, but may be used against such as raise Rebellions and Insurrections against the Government of the Country, be they *Indians* or others, otherwise it is in vain for us to pretend to Magistracy or Government, it being that which we own to be lawful both in Principle and Practice.

Q. Whether there be not Bears, Wolves, and other Ravenous Beasts in the Country?

I *Answer*: Yes. But I have travell'd alone in the Country some hundreds of Miles, and by missing of my way have lain in the Woods all night, and yet I never saw any of those Creatures, nor have I heard that ever man, woman or child were hurt by them, they being afraid of Mankind; also, encouragement is given to both *Indians* and others to kill Wolves, they being paid for every Wolfs head that they bring to the Magistrate, the value of ten Shillings; and the Bears the *Indians* kill for the profit of their Skins, and sake of their Flesh, which they eat, and esteem better than Deers flesh.

Q. Whether there be not Snakes, more especially the Rattle-Snake?

Ans. Yes, but not many Rattle-Snakes, and they are easily discovered; for they commonly lie in the

Paths for the benefit of the Sun, & if any Person draws nigh them, they shake their Tail, on which the Rattles grow, which make a noise like a childs Rattle; I never heard of but one Person bitten in *Pennsylvania* or *New-Jersey* with the Rattle-Snake, and he was helpt of it by live Chickens slit assunder and apply'd to the place, which drew out the Poyson; and as to the other Snake, the most plentiful is a black Snake, its bite, 'tis said, does no more harm than the prick of a Pin.

I have mentioned before, that there are a sort of troublesom Flies call'd *Musketoës* (much like the Gnats in *England*) in the lower parts of the Country, where the great Marshes are, but in the upper parts of the Country seldom one is seen.

There are Crows and Black birds, which may be accounted amongst the inconveniences, they being destructive to the *Indian Corn*, the Crows by picking up the Corn just as its appearing in the blade above ground, and the Black-birds by eating it in the Year, before it be full hard, if not prevented by looking after; but other sorts of Corn they seldom hurt.

It is rational to believe, that all considerate Persons will sit down and count the cost before they begin to build; for they must expect to pass through a Winter before a Summer, but not so troublesom a Winter as many have imagined; for those that come there to settle now, may purchase Corn, Cattel, and other

things at the prices mentioned, and many have Houses in some of the Towns of *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey* on Rent, until they build for themselves, and Water-Mills to grind their Corn, which are such Conveniences that we that went first partly missed of.

Thus, Kind Reader, I have given thee a true Description of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, with the Rivers and Springs, Fish and Fowle, Beasts, Fruits, Plants, Corn and Commodities that it doth or may produce, with several other things needful for thee to know, as well Inconveniences as Conveniences, by which I keep clear of that just Reflection of such as are more apt to see faults in others, than to amend them in themselves.

T. B.

WHereas I unavisedly published in Print a *Paper* (see note No. 19), dated the 13th of *July*, 1685. entituled, *A true and perfect Account of the disposal of the one hundred Shures or Proprieties of the Province of West New-Jersey, by Edward Bylling*: In which *Paper* I gave an Account of the purchasers Names, and the several Proprieties granted to them, part of which I took from the Register, the remainder from a List given in by *Edward Bylling*, to the Proprioters, as mentioned on the said *Paper*, which *Paper* I find hath proved Injurious to the aforesaid *Edward Bylling*, although not so intended by me. Therefore in order

to give him Satisfaction, and all others that are concerned, I do acknowledge he hath, since the publishing of that *Paper*, shewed me some Deeds, wherein he hath several Proprieties conveyed back to him again, from the original Purchasers and Judge, he may make good Titles to the same.

A *Letter by Thomas Budd, sent to his Friends in Pennsylvania and New-Jersey.*

Dear Friends;

YOU are often in my Remembrance, and at this time I feel the tender Bowels of our heavenly Father's Love flowing in my Heart towards you, in a sence of those great Exercises that many of you have, do and may meet withal in your *Spiritual Travel* towards the *Land of Promise*.

I am also sensible of the many *Exercises* and inward *Combats* that many of you met withal, after you felt an inclination in your Hearts of Transplanting your selves into *America*: Oh the *Breathings* and fervent *Prayers*, and earnest *Desires* that were in your Hearts to the Lord, *That you might not go except it was his good Pleasure to remove you, for a purpose of his own*: This you earnestly desired to be satisfied in, and many of you received satisfaction, that it was your places to

leave your Native Country, Trades, and near and dear Relations and Friends to transplant your selves into a Wilderness, where you expected to meet with many Tryals and Exercises of a differing kind, than what you had met withal in your Native Country; but this you contentedly gave up to, but not without earnest desire, and fervent Prayers to the Lord for his Wisdom to govern you, and his Fatherly Care to preserve you, and his comfortable presence to be with you, to strengthen and enable you chearfully to undergo those new and unaccustomed Tryals and Exercises, that you were sensible would attend you in this weighty undertaking, the Lord heard your Prayers, and answered your Desires, inasmuch as that his Fatherly Care was over you, and his living Presence did accompany you over the great Deep; so that you saw his wonderful Deliverence, and in a sence thereof, you praised his Name for the same.

The Lord having thus far answered our Souls desire, as to bring us to our desired Port in safety, and to remain with us, to be a Counsellor of good things unto us, let us now answer this Kindness unto us by a *righteous Conversation*, and a *pure, holy and innocent Life*, that others beholding the same, may be convinced thereby, and may glorifie our heavenly Father.

The Eyes of many are on us, some for Good, and some for Evil; therefore my earnest Prayers are to the Lord, That he would preserve us, and give us *Wis-*

dom, that we may be governed aright before him, and that he would give a good Understanding to those that are in Authority amongst us, that his Law may go forth of *Sion*, and his Word from *Jerusalem*: Be not backward in discharging that great Trust committed to you in your respective Offices and Places, that you may be help-meets in the Restoration.

And be careful to suppress, and keep down all Vice, and disorderly Spirits, and incourage Virtue, not only in the general, but every one in his perticular Family; there is an incumbant Duty lieth on all Masters of Families over their Family, therefore my desire is, that we may call our Families together at convenient times and Seasons, to wait upon the Lord, and to seek to him for *Wisdom* and *Counsel*, that his Blessings may attend us and our Families, and our Children may sit about our Table as Olive-branches full of Virtue, then shall we be full of Joy and Peace, and living Praises will spring to the Lord, in that his Blessings and Fatherly Care hath been thus continued towards us.

Dear Friends; be tender and helpful one towards another, that the Lord may bless and fill you with his divine Love, and sweet refreshing Life, which unities our Souls to each other, and makes us as one Family of Love together: Let us not entertain any hard Thoughts one of another, but if difference should happen amongst us, let a speedy and peaceable end be put unto it; for if Prejudices enter, it will eat out the

precious Life, and make us barren and unfruitful to God. We are not without our daily Exercises, Travels and Temptations, therefore do desire the Lord may put it into your Hearts, to Pray for our Preservation, and our safe return to you, that we may meet together again in the same overcoming Love of God, in which we parted from you.

My Heart is full of Love to you, and do long to see your Faces, and to enjoy your Company, that I may more fully express that pure Love of God that springs in my Heart unto you, then I can do by Writing. Therefore I desire you may rest satisfied with these few Lines, and receive them as a token of unfeigned Love. From

Your dear Friend,

Thomas Budd.

London, the 29th }
of the 8th }
Month, 1684. }

Some material Things omitted in the foregoing part.

IT is to be noted, that the Tide runs to the Falls of *Delaware*, it being one hundred and fifty Miles from the Capes, or entrance of the said River (which Falls, is a ledge of Rocks lying a cross the River) and also it runs up in some of the Cricks, ten or fifteen Miles, the said River and Cricks being navigable for

Ships of great Burthen, there having lain over against *Burlington*, a Ship of about the burthen of four hundred Tuns afloat in four Fathom, at dead low Water, and the Flood riseth six or eight Foot; and there being no Worm that eats the bottoms of the Ships, as is usually done in *Virginia* and *Barbadoes*, &c. which renders the said Countries very fit for Trade and Navigation; And in the said River and Cricks are many other sorts of good *Fish*, not already named, some of which are *Cat-fish*, *Trout*, *Eales*, *Pearch*, &c.

FINIS.



NOTES.

Note 1, page 27.

Budd's treatise was, perhaps, the most thorough attempt that had as yet been made, to call the attention of his countrymen to the advantages of a settlement in the then almost wilderness region of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and the writer, it will be found, brought to the undertaking, a liberal and enlightened spirit, no small share of knowledge and sagacity, and the experience of many years' residence in the new country.

Note 2, page 27.

Our author, so far as relates to New Jersey, refers to Item 7 of the Concession and Agreement, of 1664, of Berkeley and Carteret. "That no person qualified as aforesaid (that is either a subject of the king of England, or who shall become such) within the said province, at any time, shall be any ways molested, punished, disquieted, or called in question, for any difference in opinion or practice in matters of religious concerns, who does not actually disturb the civil peace of the said province; but that all and every such person and persons, may from time to time and at all times, freely and fully have and enjoy his and their judgment and consciences, in matters of religion throughout the said province, they behaving themselves peaceably and quietly, and not using this liberty to licentiousness, nor to the civil injury or outward disturbance of others; any law statute or clause contained or to be contained, usage or custom of this realm of England to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding."

The language of the xvi chapter "of the Charter or fundamental laws of West New Jersey, agreed upon" in 1676, is still more emphatic and comprehensive, and breathes the spirit of men who had suffered for conscience sake.

"That no men, nor number of men upon earth, hath power or authority to rule over men's consciences in religious matters; therefore it is consented, agreed and ordained that no person or persons whatsoever, within

the said province, at any time or times hereafter, shall be any ways, upon any pretense whatsoever, called in question, or in the least punished or hurt, either in person estate or privilege, for the sake of his opinion, judgment, faith or worship towards God in matters of religion; but that all and every such person and persons, may from time to time, and at all times, freely and fully have and enjoy his and their judgments, and the exercise of their consciences, in matters of religious worship throughout all the said province."—Smith's *History of New Jersey*, 513, 529.

Also see the 10th article of the proposals agreed upon the 9th Nov., 1681, by Gov. Jennings and the Assembly. *Id.*, 128.

The same principles are asserted in the Laws agreed upon in England, on the 5th May, 1682, between Penn and the future freemen of his Province.

Law 35th. "That all persons living in this province who confess and acknowledge the one almighty and eternal God, to be the creator, upholder and ruler of the world, and that hold themselves obliged in conscience to live peaceably and justly in civil society, shall in no ways be molested or prejudiced for their religious persuasion or practice in matters of faith and worship, nor shall they be compelled at any time to frequent or maintain any religious worship, place or ministry whatever."

Note 3, page 29.

Our author's account shows less change in the temperature of the region he describes, than is generally attributed to it.

For a description equally interesting and instructive, see Surveyor Colden's narrative of the temperature and climate of the same territory, written in 1723.—*Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York*, edited by Dr. O'Callaghan, V, 690.

The reader is also referred to the statements of Thomas Rudyard, Samuel Groome, Gawen Lawrie and others, in Smith's *New Jersey*, 167 to 189.

Note 4, page 29.

"When the Yorkshire commissioners found the others were like to settle at such a distance, they told them if they would agree to fix by them, they would join in settling a town and that they should have the largest share, on consideration that they (the Yorkshire commissioners) had the best land in the woods: Being few, and the Indians numerous, they agreed to it.

“The commissioners employed Noble, a surveyor, who came in the first ship, to divide the spot. After the main street was ascertained, he divided the land on each side into lots; the easternmost among the Yorkshire proprietors, the other among the Londoners: To begin a settlement ten lots, of nine acres each, bounding on the west were laid out; that done some passengers from Wickaco, chiefly those concerned in the Yorkshire tenth, arrived the latter end of October. The London commissioners employed Noble to divide the part of the island yet unsurveyed, between the ten London proprietors, in the manner before mentioned: The town thus by mutual consent laid out, the commissioners gave it the name first of New Beverley, then Bridlington, but soon changed it to Burlington.”—Smith’s *History of New Jersey*, 98, 104.

Beverley was a town in Yorkshire, England, as was Burlington. The latter is styled “Burlington or Bridlington,” a seaport town of England in the East Riding of Yorkshire, situated on a bay called Burlington Bay, formed by Flamborough Head, which is about 5 miles distant, nearly N. E. Considerable trade is carried on here; and that part of it called Burlington Quay, which is built on the coast, a mile from the town, is much resorted to for sea-bathing. The remains of Burlington Church, founded in the reign of Henry I, prove that it must have been a very fine structure. A weekly market is held here, and two annual fairs. Pop. 5637. 20 miles from Scarborough.”—Thomson’s *New Universal Gazetteer*, Lond., 1837.

“Mr. William Hustler, grandfather to Sir William, was a great benefactor to it. The key which is chiefly frequented by colliers and inhabited by sea-faring people, lies near two miles from the town, which is about 5 furlongs length and gives title of Earl to the noble family of Boyle. Here was formerly a priory.”—England’s *Gazetteer*, London, 1751.

Note 5, page 29.

De Vries, in his voyage of 1633, says: “The Bay inside of Sandy Hook is a large one, where fifty to sixty ships can lie, well protected from the winds of the sea. Sandy Hook stretches a full half-mile from the hills, forming a flat, sandy beach, about eight or nine paces wide, and is covered with small blue plum trees, which there grow wild.” The same sort of fruit is found there, it is said, at this day.—*Voyages from Holland to America*, A. D. 1632 to 1644. By David Petersen De Vries. Translated from the Dutch by Mr. Henry C. Murphy, New York, 1853 p. 63, and privately printed by Mr. James Lenox.

De Vries's admirable narrative, and for which, in its English version, all are so much indebted to Mr. Murphy, who has faithfully preserved the spirit of the original, we have never found in fault. The truthfulness, courage, good sense, self reliance and resources of De Vries render the statement of his adventures invaluable to the historical student, a value greatly enhanced from the fact, that he is the only author who speaks of many matters connected with the early history and topography of the Delaware.

Note 6, page 30.

See a historical sketch of New Perth in Whitehead's *Contributions to the History of East Jersey*.

Note 7, page 30.

The date of the Dutch settlement at *Minesink*, *Minisincks* or *Meenesink*, is involved in doubt, and is one of the most interesting problems connected with the history of Pennsylvania. We shall not even venture a conjecture upon the subject. The occupation extended from the beginning of the flats at the northern base of the Blue Mountains, along both sides of the Delaware; and a very interesting account of it may be found in a communication addressed in 1828 to Mr. Samuel Hazard, the editor of the Register, by Samuel Preston, of Stockport, Wayne County, Penna.

In 1787 Preston, who was deputy under John Lukens, surveyor general, received from the latter the facts, which form the subject of this narrative. It appears that the first information of the settlement did not reach the Provincial Government until about 1729, for in that year, it passed a law that all purchases made of the Indians in that region should be void. In 1730 "Nicholas Scull, the famous surveyor, was appointed an agent to investigate the facts," who took with him, as an assistant, John Lukens; and hiring Indian guides, they had a fatiguing journey, there then being no white inhabitants in the upper part of Bucks or Northampton counties, and after great difficulty in leading their horses through the Water Gap to *Meenesink Flats*, they arrived at that place, and found it "all settled with *Hollanders*." The "remarkable Samuel Depui told them that when the rivers were frozen he had a good road to *Esopus* from the *Mine Holes*, on the *Mine* road, some hundred miles, that he took his wheat and cider there, for salt and necessaries, and did not appear to have any knowledge or idea where the river ran, of the Philadelphia market, or of being in the government of Pennsylvania."

“They were of the opinion that the first settlements of Hollanders, in Meenisink, were many years older than William Penn’s charter (in 1681) and as Depui had treated them so well they concluded to make a survey of his claim in order to befriend him if necessary. When they began to survey, the Indians gathered round; and an old Indian laid his hand on N. Scull’s shoulder and said ‘*put up iron string, go home.*’ That they quit and returned.” This closed the statement of facts as derived from Lukens.

The following is Preston’s narrative :

“I had it in charge from John Lukens to learn more particulars respecting the Mine road to Esopus, &c., &c.

“I found Nicholas Depui, Esq. (son of Samuel), living in a spacious stone house, in great plenty and affluence. The old Mine holes were a few miles above on the Jersey side the river, by the lower point of *Paaquarry Flat*, that the Meene-sink settlement extended 40 miles or more, on both sides the river. That he had well known the *Mine road to Esopus*, and used, before he opened the boat channel, to drive on it several times every winter with loads of wheat and cider, as also did his neighbors, to purchase their salt and necessaries in Esopus, having then no other market or knowledge where the river ran to; that after a navigable channel was opened, through *Foul Rifts*, they generally took to boating, and most of the settlement turned their trade down stream and the mine road became less and less traveled. .

“This interview with the amiable Nicholas Depui, Esq., was in the month of June, 1787; he then appeared to be perhaps about 60 years of age. I interrogated him as to the particulars of what he knew, as to when and by whom the *Mine* road was made, what was the ore they dug and hauled on it, what was the date and from whence or how came the first settlers of *Meene-sink* in such great numbers as to take up all the flats on both sides the river for 40 miles.

“He could only give traditional accounts of what he had heard from older people without date, in substance as follows:

“That in some former age there came a company of miners from *Holland*, supposed from the great labor that had been expended in making that road about 100 miles long, that they were very rich or great people in working the two mines, one on Delaware, where the mountain nearly approaches the lower point of *Paaquarry flat*, the other at the north foot of some mountain near half way between Delaware and Esopus, that he ever understood abundance of ore had been hauled on that road, but never could learn whether it was lead or silver.

“That the first settlers came from Holland to seek a place of quiet, being persecuted for their religion. I believe that they were Arminians, they

followed the mine road to the large flats on Delaware, that smoothed cleared land, and such an abundance of large apple trees suited their views, that they bona fide bought the improvements of the native Indians, most of whom then removed to Susquehanna, that with such as remained there was peace and friendship until the year 1755. I then went to view the Paaquarry Mine holes, there appeared to have been a great abundance of labor done there at some former time, but the mouth of these holes were caved full and overgrown with bushes. I concluded to myself if there ever had been a rich mine under that mountain, it must be there yet in close confinement.

“The other old men I conversed with gave their traditions similar to Nicholas Depui, and they all appeared to be the grandsons of the first settlers and generally very illiterate as to dates or anything relating to chronology.

“In the summer of 1789 I began to build on this place, when there came two venerable gentlemen, on a surveying expedition; they were the late General James Clinton, the father of the late De Witt Clinton, and Christopher Tappan, Esq.; he was the clerk and recorder of Ulster county; for many years before they had both been surveyors under General Clinton’s father, when he was surveyor general. In order to learn some history from gentlemen of their general knowledge, I accompanied them in the woods; they both well knew the *mine holes*, *mine roads*, and as there were no kind of documents or records thereof, united in opinion, that it was a work transacted while the state of New York belonged to the government of Holland, that it fell to the English in the year 1664, and that the change of government stopped the mining business and that the road must have been made many years before such digging could be done, that it must undoubtedly have been the first good road of any extent ever made in any part of the United States. That from the best evidence that I have been able to obtain, I am clearly of opinion that Meenesink was the oldest European settlement of equal extent ever made in the territory afterwards named Pennsylvania. And these enterprising Arminians and followers of Hugo De Grotius, by their just and pacific conduct to the natives, so as to maintain peace and friendship with them for perhaps one hundred years, have left a traditional memorial of their virtue that time ought not to obliterate.”

It seems the best interpretation Scull could make of the word *Meenesink*, was “*the water is gone*,” and Mr. Preston offers the following theory: “From every appearance of so much alluvial or made land, above the mountain, there must, in some former period of the world, have been a great dam against the mountain, that formed all the settlement named Meenesink into

a lake, which extended and backed the water at least 50 miles, as appears by the alluvial or made land. What height the dam was, is quite uncertain; had it been as high or half as high as the mountain, the water would have run into the North river, at or near the old mine road or Hudson and Delaware canal. From the water made land, and distance that it appears to have backed over the falls in the river, the height must, at a moderate calculation, have been between 150 and 200 feet — which would have formed a cataract in proportion to the quantity of water similar to Niagara.

“By what convulsion of nature, or in what age of the world, can never be known; but, in my opinion, from every observation that I have been able to make, in so frequently passing through the Gap by water and land, it appears that the dam must have been sunk into some tremendous subterraneous cavern, and to a depth that cannot be known or estimated. * * The distance through the mountain is called two miles, and say, the river will average near half a mile wide, the water as still as a mill pond; so that a raft will float either up or down as the wind blows. As to the depth of the water, I have been told by old men, that formerly they could not find any bottom by sounding with the longest ropes or cords they could obtain.

“Nicholas Scull was esteemed a first rate man of his day as to science and general knowledge. Ninety-eight years ago he was on Depuis’ Island, and from the vast size of a hollow buttonwood and apple tree he concluded that the water must have been gone one thousand years or more, for trees to have grown to such an uncommon size.” After some further speculations on the subject Mr. Preston naively adds, “if any person thinks my hypothesis erroneous, the *Water Gap will not run away*. They may go and examine for themselves,” and we know no spot better deserving scientific explorations.—*Hazard’s Register*, I, 428, 439, 440.

The discrepancy between Depuis’s alleged ignorance of the existence of Philadelphia or where the river ran, and the statement in the text, will present itself to the reader. We are unable to offer any explanation.

The year 1615 is the alleged date of the settlement of Esopus by the Hollanders (*Answer of Dutch to English Manifesto, Doc. Rel. Col. History of New York*, edited by Dr. O’Callaghan’s, II, 325; O’Callaghan’s *New Neth.*, I, 390), and it is probable that the settlers at Meenesink must have found their way there from the former place. Our author does not allude to the existence of copper mines, but so early as 1659 the directors of the Dutch West India Company say “we lately saw a small piece of mineral, said to have been brought from New Netherland, which was such good and pure copper that we deemed it worth enquiry of one Kloes de Ruyter about it, as

we presume he must know, if the fact is as stated." He asserted that there was a copper mine at Menesink.—*Hazard's Annals*, 255, and *Doc. Rel. Col. History of New York* II, 633. This was, it is likely, from the mine at Paaquarry flat, the present *Pahaquarry*, in the northeast corner of Warren county, New Jersey. Any discovery of copper must have been made between the years 1641 and 1649, for, in a *Journal of New Netherland* begun in the former year (*Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. of N. Y.*, I, 180), it is stated that in the interior are pretty high mountains, exhibiting generally pretty strong indications of minerals, and in a document dated 1649 (*Id.*, 262), fully an hundred different samples of minerals are said to have been lost on their way to Holland.

In 1715 Governor Hunter of New York, in his letter to the Lords of Trade referred to a copper mine in New York, "brought to perfection, of which in one month a ton of ore had been sent to England;" but he does not state its location—*Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y.*, V, 462. The same authority states that in 1720 "there was iron enough, that copper was rarer, lead at a great distance in the Indian settlement, and coal mines on *Long Island*, but not yet wrought," and in 1721 "a great quantity of iron ore was stated to exist in New Jersey, and some copper."—*Id.*, 556, 603.

Note 8, page 31.

Our knowledge of the first attempt at establishing a whale fishery upon the Delaware is derived from the account contained in the narrative of that most minute, truthful and graphic of all voyagers, David Pietersz. de Vries, to which we have before referred. This navigator, with whom was associated eight others, formed themselves into a patroonship, and "at the same time equipped a ship with a yacht for the purpose of prosecuting the voyage, as well as to carry on the whale fishery in that region, as to plant a colony for the cultivation of all sorts of grain, for which the country is very well adapted, and of tobacco. This ship, with the yacht, sailed from the Texel, the 12th of December, 1630, with a number of people and a large stock of cattle, to settle our colony upon the South river,¹ which lies on the 38th and half degree, and to conduct the whale fishery there, as Godyn represented that there were many whales which kept before the bay, and the oil at sixty guilders a hogshead he thought would realize a good profit, and consequently that fine country be cultivated." This attempt was unsuccessful; the captain on his return to Holland reporting that they had arrived too late in the season for their purpose. "It was therefor again resolved to undertake a voyage for the whale fishery, and that I myself (De Vries) should go as patroon, and as commander of the ship and yacht and should endeavor to be there in December, in order to

¹The Delaware.

conduct the whale fishery during the winter, as the whales come in the winter and remain till March." De Vries accordingly sailed and found, on his arrival at Swanendael, that the little colony had been murdered by the Indians; not a soul was left to tell the tale, and its particulars and the cause which led to the sad event were ascertained from the natives themselves. Our navigator allowed his people to prosecute their undertaking at Swanendael, while he sailed up the river. On his return he found seven whales had been caught, "but there were only thirty-two cartels of oil obtained, so that the whale fishery is very expensive when such meagre fish are caught. We could have done more if we had had good harpooners, for they had struck seventeen fish and only secured seven, which was astonishing. They had always struck the whales in the tail. I afterwards understood from some Basques, who were old whale fishers, that they always struck the harpoon in the fore part of the back. This voyage was an expensive one to us, but not so much, since I had laid in a good cargo of salt in the West Indies, which brought a good price. Having put our oil in the ship, taken down our kettle and hauled in wood and water, we got ready to sail."—*De Vries's Voyages*, translated by Mr. Henry C. Murphy, and privately printed by Mr. James Lenox, New York, 1853.—This appears to be the most circumstantial narrative extant of any attempt to prosecute whale fishing, as a commercial enterprise. The trade seems to have continued of some importance, and so late as 1693 was made the subject of an enactment, for in that year a law was passed, in which a preamble set forth that, Whereas, the whalery in Delaware Bay has been in so great a measure invaded by strangers and foreigners, that the greatest part of Oyl and Bone recovered and got by that imploy, hath been exported out of the Province to the great detriment thereof, to obviate which mischief *Be it enacted*, &c., that all Persons not residing within the Precincts of this Province, or the Province of Pennsylvania, who shall kill, or bring on shore any whale or whales within Delaware Bay or elsewhere within the Boundaries of this Government shall pay one full entire Tenth of all the Oyl and Bone, made out of the said Whale or Whales unto the present Government of the Province for the Time being.—*Leaming and Spicer*, 519 and 520, Chapter ix of Laws of the Province of West New Jersey.

Note 9, page 35.

The cultivation of the grape, especially with reference to the production of wine, very early attracted the attention of the emigrants to America, of which fact some remarkable evidence is upon record. And it is curious to compare the sanguine expectations upon this subject, and upon the raising of silk, with the results of two hundred and fifty years' experience.

Our progenitors, mostly coming from a land where the sun was oftener clouded than unobscured, warmed into enthusiasm under the genial influences of a more southern sky. Their spirits were led captive, and their descriptions, imbued with the language of poetry, held forth to the fortunate adventurer all the good the most fruitful imagination could conceive of what the earth might produce or the air and water contained for the comfort and advantage of the race.

In a curious tract entitled *A DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF the COLONIE and Affaires in VIRGINIA: WITH the Names of the Adventurors, and Summes adventured in that Action.* By his Majesties Counsell for VIRGINIA, 22 Iunij, 1620. LONDON: Printed by T. S., 1620, 8vo, pp. 30 and 39, the advantages are set forth in terms sufficient to allure the most unimaginative aspirant for better fortune. "And first to remove that unworthy aspersion, wherewith ill-disposed mindes, guiding their Actions by corrupt ends, have, both by Letters from thence, and by rumours here at home, sought unjustly to staine and blemish that Countrey, as being barren and unprofitable;—Wee have thought it necessary, for the full satisfaction of all, to make it publicly knowne, that, by diligent examination, wee have assuredly found, those Letters and Rumours to have been false and malicious; procured by practise, and suborned to evill purposes, and contrarily disadvised by the testimony, upon Oath, of the chiefe Inhabitants of all the Colony; by whom we are ascertained, that the countrey is rich, spacious, and well watered; temperate as for the climate; very healthfull after men are a little accustomed to it; abounding with all God's naturall blessings: The Land replenished with the goodliest Woods in the world, and those full of *Deere*, and other Beasts for sustenance: The Seas and Rivers (whereof many are exceeding faire and navigable) full of excellen Fish, and of all Sorts desireable; both Water and Land yeelding Fowle in very great store and variety; In Summe, a Countrey, too good for ill people; and wee hope reserved by the providence of God, for such as shall apply themselves faithfully to his service, and be a strength and honour to our King and Nation. But touching those Commodities for which that Countrey is proper, and which have beene lately set up for the adventurors benefit: wee referre you to a true note of them lately delivered in a great and generall Court, and hereunto annexed for your better information * * * The riche Furres, Caviary and Cordage, which we draw from Russia with so great difficulty, are to be had in *Virginia*, and the parts adjoining, with ease and plenty. The Masts, Planckes and Boords, the Pitch and Tarre, the Pot-ashes and Sope-ashes, the Hempe and Flax (being the materials of Linnen), which now wee fetch from *Norway, Denmarke, Poland, and Germany*, are there to be had in abundance and great perfection. The *Iron* which hath so wasted our

English Woods, that itself in short time must decay together with them, is to be had in *Virginia* (where wasting of woods is a benefit) for all good conditions answerable to the best in the world. The Wines, Fruits, and Salt of *France* and *Spain*; The silkes of *Persia* and *Italie*, will be found also in *Virginia*, and in no Kinde of worth inferior: Wee omit here a multitude of other naturall commodities, dispersed up and downe the divers parts of the world: of Woods, Rootes and Berries, for excellent Dyes: of Plants and all other Druggs, for Physicall service: of sweet Woods, Oyles, and Gummes, for pleasure and other use: of Cotten-Wool and Sugar-Canes: all which may there also be had in abundance, with an infinity of other more: And will conclude with these three; Corne, Cattle, and Fish, which are the substance of the foode of man. The Graines of our Countrey doe prosper there very well: of Wheate they have great plenty: But their *Maze* being the naturall Graine of that Countrey, doth farre exceede in pleasantnesse, strength and fertility. The Cattle which we have transported thither (being now growne neere to five hundred), become much bigger of Body, than the breed from which they came: The Horses also more beautifull and fuller of courage. And such is the extraordinary fertility of that Soyle, that the *Does* of their *Deere* yeelde two Fawnes at a birth, and sometimes three. The Fishings at *Cape Codd*, being within those Limits, will in plenty of Fish be equall to those of *Newfound Land*, and in goodnesse, and greatnesse, much superiour. To conclude, it is a Countrey, which nothing but ignorance can thinke ill of, and which no man, but of, a corrupt minde and ill purpose can defame."

The importance attached to the production of wine was discussed in a subsequent tract entitled "VIRGINIA: More especially the south part thereof Richly and truly valued, viz: The fertile *Carolana*, and no lesse excellent Isle of *Roanoak*, of Latitude from 31. to 37. Degr. relating the meanes of raying infinite profits to the Adventurors, and Planters. The second Edition, with Addition of THE DISCOVERY OF SILKWORMS, with their benefit, And Implanting of Mulberry Trees. ALSO the Dressing of Vines, for the rich Trade of making Wines in VIRGINIA. Together with the making of the Saw-mill, &c., &c. By E. W. Gent," London, 1650, pp. 56, 8vo.

The author signs himself in his preface Ed. Williams, but we have not been able to ascertain the date of publication of his first edition, he says "That wild Vines runne naturally over *Virginia*, ocular experience declares who delighting in the Neighbourhood of their beloved Mulberry-trees inseparable associates over all that countrey, and of which in this their wildnesse, Wines have been made, of these vines if transplanted and cultivated, there can be made no doubt but a Rich and Generous Wine would be produced; But if wee set the Greeke, Cyprian, Candian or Calabrian

Grape, those Countries lying parallel with this, there neede not be made the smallest question, but it would be a staple, which would enrich this Countrey to the envy of France and Spaine, and furnish the Northerne parts of Europe, and China itself, where they plant it not (of which more heereafter), with the Noblest Wine in the World, at no excessive prices. * * * For the advance of which noble staple. I should propose that the Greeke, and other Rich Vines, being procured from the Countries, to which they are genial, every Planter in that Countrey might be enjoyned to keep a constant Nursery, to the end when the ground is cleared that they may be fit for removal and the Vineyard speedily planted.

“Further, that some Greek and other Vignecons might be hired out of these Countries to instruct us in the labour, and lest their envy, pride, or jealousy of being layd aside when their mysterie is discovered may make them too reserved in communicating their knowledge, they may be assured, besides the continuance of their Pension of a share of the profits of every mans Vintage. * *. That before their going over a general consultation may be had whith them, what ground is proper, what season fit, what prevention of casualties by bleeding or splitting, what way to preserve or restore Wine when vesseld, which *species* of Wine is fittest for transportation over, or retention in the Countrey, which for duration, which for present spending: It being in experience manifest that some Wines refine themselves by purge upon the sea, others by the same meanes suffer an evaporation of their Spirits, joyne to this that some Wines collect strength and richnesse, others contract feetlennesse and sowernesse by seniority,” pp. 6, 8.

Our author closes his delineation in these quaint sentences, and highly colored as they must, to his unimaginative countrymen, have seemed, the lapse of two centuries and a half does not falsify his predictions. The “opulence” he describes exists; the “Eden,” of his beloved Virginia may not have been realized, but the future has great good in store when the clouds which now envelop her shall have passed away.

“The incomparable Virgin hath raised her dejected head, cleared her enclouded reputation, and now like the Eldest Daughter of Nature expresseth a priority in her Dowry; her browes encircled with opulency to be believed by no other triall, but that of experience, her unwounded wombe has of all those Treasuries which indeere Provinces to respect of glory, and may with as great justice as any Countrey the Sunne honours with his eye-beames, entitle herself to an affinity with Eden, to an absolute perfection above all but Paradize.

“And this those Gentlemen to whom she vouchsafes the honour of her Embraces, when by the blessings of God upon their labours sated with the beauty of their Cornefield, they shall retire into their Groves checkered with

Vines, Olives, Mirtles, from thence dilate themselves into their Walkes covered in a manner, paved with Oranges and Lemmons, whence surfeited with variety, they incline to repose in their Gardens upon nothing less perfumed then Roses and Gilly-flowers. When they shall see their numerous Heards wanton with the luxury of their Pasture, confesse a narrownesse in their Barnes to receive their Corne, in bosomes to expresse fully their thankfulness to the Almighty Author of these blessings, will chearefully confesse: Whilst the Incomparable Roanoake like a Queene of the Ocean, encircled with an hundred attendant Islands and the most Majestick Carolana shall in such an ample and noble gratitude by her improvement repay her Adventurers and Creditors with an Interest so far transcending the Principal," pp. 44, 45.

The grape grew indigenously in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and attracted the attention not of the early navigators only, but of the first settlers, and in their descriptions of the country, is frequently spoken of by both. It was found in great abundance along the shores of the Delaware, and De Vries in the account of his voyage of 1633, p. 40, appears to have been the first who mentions it, remarking, "this is a fine country in which many vines grow wild, so that we gave it the name of *Wyngwerts kill*." The creek to which he refers may have been the present Oldmans creek in New Jersey, or he may have intended to indicate the region between Naamans creek and Wilmington, Delaware. Lindstrom, the Swedish engineer, in his MS. map of the Delaware (of 1651), entitles the point of land immediately south of Oldmans creek, "*Druifve udden, Le Cap des Raisins*," and the country below Naamans creek, on the opposite shore, "*Windruifve udden, Le Cap des Raisins*." Penn had great expectaions from the cultivation of the grape, and frequently mentions it, with reference to the production of wine, as do others who came with or followed him—expectations which have not as yet been to any extent realized.

Note 10, page 37.

"Mum; a malt liquor, which derives its name from the inventor, *Mumme*, a German. It was formerly exported from Germany in large quantities, but is now less used." — *Encyclopædia Americana*.

Andrew Yarranton, in his work entitled *England's Improvements by Sea and Land*, recommends its manufacture and says:

"*Stratford upon Avon, in Warwickshire*, will be a very good place to build Granaries to receive Corn; * * * There may as much Mum be made there, as at present is made at Brunswick: And there Mum may be made and sent into Ireland, West Indies, France, Spain, and into the Mediterranean; And these Granaries will be the occasion of getting away

the Mum-Trade from Brunswick; This shews as like a *Romance* as doth the Title-page of my Book, unless I do give you reasons for what I say, and shew you how it may be brought to pass, the which I will do: Observe, the Mum at Brunswick is made of Wheat, and the Wheat that it is made of, is brought from the Granaries at *Magdenburg* and *Shenibank*, and it grows in the vale of *Parinburg*; when it comes to Brunswick it is malted, and so made into Mum; and when made, then sent by Land to the river *Elb*, and so to *Hamborough*: and from thence disposed by Merchants unto all Parts: But the Mum at Brunswick is a Medicine, and drinks very nauseous, and is not there drinkable at all; but that which makes it good palitable and strong is its being long at sea; There it is forc'd into a fermentation, and that keeps it working, whereby it alters the very property of the liquor; and were it not to be sent to sea, that trade at *Brunswick* would not be worth anything; and to convince you further of the reason of what I say, take this one thing, and that will confirm you in the truth of the rest. Our *English Beer* Brewed at *London*, and carried to sea, and landed at *Hamborough*, and so carried up the *Elb* as far as *Draisden*, the Duke of *Saxonies*' Court, and in those Parts, it is sold for six pence a quart; and it is not like the Beer either for *Tast*, *Strength*, or *Pleasantness*, as it was when here; the Sea having put it into a fermentation causeth it to drink pleasant strong and delightful, even comparable to *March-Beer* in England four Years old, which is well-brewed and grown very mellow." p. 118.

An inquiry which a friend,¹ in behalf of the editor, took the pains to insert in the *London Notes and Queries*, has elicited some curious information on this topic:

"In Playford's *Second Book of the Musical Companion*, N. Pearson, 1715, is the following *Catch in Praise of Mum*:

There's an odd sort of liquor	And as strong as six horses,
New come from Hamborough,	Coach and all,
'Twill stick a whole wapentak	As I told you 'twill make you
Thorough and thorough;	As drunk as a drum:
'Tis yellow, and likewise	You'd fain know the name on't!
As bitter as gall,	But for that, my friend, <i>mum</i> .

In a curious little book—*Political Merriment, or Truths to Set to Some Tune*, 1714—is a short poem "In Praise of Brunswick Mum" (p. 96), and at page 3, same work, "An Excellent Ballad," concluding with a stanza relating to mum. Pope also says, somewhere,

The clamorous crowd is hush'd with mugs of *mum*,
Till all, tun'd equal, sound a general hum."

N. and Q., 3d s., vii, p. 41.

¹ Mr. Thomas Stewardson Jr., of Philadelphia, to whose friendly aid we are indebted for further information.

Mum. "It may be worth recording that the word *mum* is at least as old as the beginning of the 16th century. In the treatise *De Generibus Elnosorum et Ebrietate Vitanda*, written A.D. 1515, occurs a chapter on the various kinds of beer then in use in Germany. Among a host of other names occurs that of *Mommon sive Mommun Brunsvigeii.*"

JOHN ELIOT HODGKIN,

From *Notes and Queries*, 3d s., vii, 163.

"Barclay, in his *Dictionary*, states this to be a strong liquor, brought from Brunswick or Germany. Ash defines it 'beer brewed from wheat.' I have, however, a curious old dictionary in 18mo, no name, but about 1700, which says: '*Mum*, a kind of physical beer, made (originally) at Brunswick or Germany with *husks* of Walnut infused.' Is this correct? If so, is the manufacture carried on there now? Or is there any record of Walnuts being used in brewing? And again, is the green shell, or what part of the fruit used? Broom tops formerly were employed in England for giving a bitter to beer, and are so to the present day in Italy. Many sorts of bitter have also been tried. This is the first, however, I have heard of Walnut in any form."

A. A., *Poet's Corner.*

The following is from a manuscript note book in my possession, bearing date 1738:

"Mum is a sort of sweet malt liq'r, brewed with barley and hops and a small mixture of wheat; very thick, scarce drinkable till purified at Sea. It is transported into other countries. Hides and Mum chief trade of Brunswick, Wolfenbottel."

W. TISHWICK,

Notes and Queries, 3d series, viii, 100.

Note 11, page 39.

Considerable attention was paid, at an early period, to the breed of horses in the colonies. The founder of Pennsylvania was very fond of the propagation of good stock, and, according to Mr. Dixon, "the love of fine horses, which the Englishman shares with the Arab, did not forsake him in the New World. At his first visit to America, he carried over three blood mares, a fine white horse, not of full breed, and other inferior animals, not for breeding but for labor. His inquiries about the mares were as frequent and minute as those about the gardens; and when he went out for the second time, in 1699, he took with him the magnificent colt, Tamerlane, by the celebrated Godolphin Barb, to which the best horses in England trace their pedigree."—Dixon's *Penn.*, Amer. ed., p. 297.

In a letter by Penn, addressed from Philadelphia in 1683 to *The Com-*

mittee of the Free Society of Traders, Residing in London, he says: "We have no want of horses, and some are very 'good and shapely enough; two ships have been freighted to Barbadoes, with horses and pipe staves, since my coming in."

The breed of horses in New England, at least so far as related to Massachusetts, appears, prior to 1688, to have deteriorated; for in that year a stringent law was passed, for the purpose of correcting the evil. And in Connecticut, as well as in Rhode Island, much care was given to the rearing of good stock.—Palfrey's *Hist. of New England*, iii, p. 54, in note.

Note 12, page 39.

Our author here refers to the iron works of Col. Morris, which were in Monmouth county—*Morris Papers*, p. 3; Whitehead's *East Jersey*, 271. These were the first works in New Jersey, as those at Durham, below Easton, near the Delaware, were the first in Pennsylvania.

The earliest allusion to the existence of iron that we have been able to discover may be found in a tract, entitled "A TRUE DECLARATION OF THE ESTATE OF THE COLONIE IN VIRGINIA, with a confutation of severall scandalous reports as have tended to the disgrace of so worthy an enterprise, Published by advice and direction of the Councell of Virginia," London, 1610. Sir Thomas Gates represented that "there are divers sorts of Minerals especially of Iron oare, lying upon the ground for ten miles circuite, of which we have made triall at home that it makes as good iron as any in Europe."

In a subsequent and rare tract, probably by Sir Edwin Sandys, styled A DECLARATION OF THE STATE of the COLONIE and Affaires in VIRGINIA, &c., London, 1620, and to which allusion has been made. The writer states that in 1619, there were sent to that colony "out of Warwickshire and Staffordshire about one hundred and ten; and out of Sussex about forty; all framed to Iron-workes." Among the "commodities" to which "these people are directed principally to apply, next to their own necessary maintenance," he enumerates "Iron: for which are sent 150 Persons, to set up three Iron workes; prooffe having been made of the extraordinary goodness of that Iron." What success attended this adventure we have not been able to discover. Williams, in his tract entitled "*Virginia*," &c., London, 1650, and to which a more particular reference is made in a note, says: "But that in which there will be an extraordinary use of our Woods is the Iron mills, which if once erected, will be an undecaying staple, and of this forty servants will by their labour raise to the Adventurer foure thousand pound yearly: Which may easily be apprehended, if wee consider the deereness of Wood in England, where notwithstanding this great clog of

difficulty, the Master of the Mill gaines so much yearely, that he cannot but reckon himselfe a provident Saver. Neither does Virginia yeeld, to any other Province whatsoever, in excellency and plenty of this oare: And I cannot promise to myselfe any other then extraordinary successe and gaine, if this noble and usefull Staple be but vigorously followed.

“And indeed it had long ere this growne to a full perfection, if the treachery of the Indians had not crushed it in the beginning, and the backwardnesse of the *Virginia* Merchants to reerect it, hindred that countrey from the benefit arising from that universall staple.”

In an appendix is to be found “A Valuation of the Commodities growing and to be had in Virginia: valued in the year 1621,” where iron is set down at “*Ten pounds the Tun.*” We think this may be accepted in proof that the colonists of 1619 had succeeded in smelting iron ore, but that the production had been hindered by the causes mentioned by Williams. The tract published in 1650 was a second edition; and if merely a republication of the first edition, we have no means of assigning a date to the facts which he relates. It is, however, we think, to be presumed that if any fresh attempts had been made towards the establishment of works the author would have mentioned the circumstance.

The Dutch government were, it appears, at a very early period, alive to the value of the discovery of minerals; for in 1646, Hudde received directions from William Kieft, director general of the New Netherlands, “to inquire about certain minerals in this country.” “For this purpose, he went to Sankikans and tried to penetrate to the great falls, where, if the samples might be credited, there was a great hope of success, when,” says Hudde, “I would pass the first fall,¹ a sachem, named Wirakeken, stopped me, and asked where I would go. I answered I intended to go upward. He replied I was not permitted, and asked what is my object. He at last informed me that the Swedish governor told one Meerkedt, a sachem residing near Tinnekonk, that we intended to build a house near the great falls, and that in the vessels which we expected near 250 men would arrive to be sent from the Manhattans, who would kill all the savages below on the river, and that this fort was to be garrisoned in the house which we intended to build, and would prevent the savages residing up the river to come to their assistance, so that no more would be able to escape; and in proof of all this, that we would first come up in a small vessel to visit and explore the spot, and that we would kill two savages as a pretext, but that Printz would never permit it, and would certainly expel us from the river.” All attempts to go up to the falls being ineffectual, as he was stopped every time, the project was necessarily abandoned by

¹ At Trenton, N. J.

Hudde."—Hazard's *Annals of Penn.*, 87. Thus, owing to the watchful jealousy of the Swedish governor Printz, in exciting the fears of the Indians, the discovery of iron and other ore was delayed. It is probable the region to which Hudde desired to penetrate was either the Meenesink, and where in all likelihood a Dutch colony already existed, or it may have been the country in the neighborhood of Durham, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where the earliest attempt at the manufacture of iron was made.

Campanius, the Swedish historian, of what afterwards constituted the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey (Stockholm, 1702), and whose work was translated by Mr. Du Ponceau, and published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, although minutely describing the productions of the country, does not allude to the existence of iron. And it is equally curious that Penn, in his letter of 1683 to the Society of Free Traders, and which was the result of close personal observation, says nothing of iron, although his object is evidently to impart information for the benefit and encouragement of emigrants.—See Letter in Proud's *Penn.*, I, 246, In a description of Pennsylvania entitled "*Some Accounts of the Province,*" and published by him previously to his embarkation (London, 1681), he speaks of iron among the "commodities" "that the country is *thought* to be capable of."—*Hazard's Register*, I, 307.

The earlier statistics upon the subject of iron are very meagre. Mr. French has attempted to collect them and states that the pig and bar iron exported to Great Britain by the American Colonies from 1728 to 1748, and from 1750 to 1755, inclusive, "amounted to 58,000 tons," and upon separating the items we find the remarkable fact that during these years the total amount exported from Pennsylvania was 8,012 tons against 48,912 from Maryland and Virginia.—*History of Rise and Progress of the Iron Trade in the United States*, &c. By B. F. French, 1858.

The mother country was jealous of her colonies, and when competition was found likely to interfere with home production, an act of Parliament was passed to crush the incipient spirit of enterprise. It was as to iron, however, discovered that it would be promotive of home interests to allow the creation of the raw material, in the form of pigs and bars, but not its further manufacture, so it was enacted that the importation of pig and bar iron should be encouraged, but that the "erection of any Mill or other Engine for slitting or rolling of iron, or any plating Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer, or any Furnace for making steel should not be permitted," and the respective Governors were required to return a list of such as were erected prior to the 24th of January 1750. We consequently find that William Branson and Stephen Paschall were returned as the owners of a Furnace¹

¹ At the N. W. corner of Walnut and 8th streets, built in 1747, Philadelphia.

in Philadelphia, for making steel, and John Hall as the owner of a Plating Forge with Tilt Hammer in Biberry Township, Philadelphia county, both erected, however, prior to 1750. No such works were returned as existing in Bucks or Lancaster counties and that "one such Mill" had been erected in 1746 by John Taylor, in Thornbury Township, Chester county, *Colonial Records*, V, 458; *Id.*, IX, 632; *Pensylvania Archives*, II, 52.

The lapse of one hundred years made a great change in the productive capacity of the iron works of Pennsylvania, for in 1850 we find her in possession of 504 establishments; of these 64 were Anthracite Blast Furnaces, 230 Charcoal Hot and Cold Blast, 4 Coke and Hot Blast, 6 Bloomeries, 121 Forges, 79 Rolling Mills. Of the Furnaces five were unfinished, and of the rest, owing to the depressed state of the manufacture, more than half were out of blast. Of the 62 counties then constituting the state 45 possessed iron works. The amount of capital invested was \$20,502,076, of which \$1,837,000 belonged to capitalists in Alleghany county.

The actual make in 1849 in Pennsylvania by Furnaces of all

descriptions, was	253,035 tons
By Forges.....	29,240 "
" Rolling Mills.....	108,358 "

For which facts we are indebted to a valuable work entitled "Documents relating to the Manufacture of Iron in Pennsylvania," &c. By Mr. Charles E. Smith, Philadelphia, 1850.

The total manufacture in 1849, and in Pennsylvania itself amounted to 390,633 tons, exceeding, so far as imperfect statistics enable us to judge, by more than six times the total production of the whole country beginning with the year 1728 and ending with 1755, exclusive of the year 1749, of which we have no account.

In 1850, probably owing to the reverses in the trade, the number of iron works in Pennsylvania were but 410: In New Jersey there were 80, in Maryland 34 and in Virginia, which at one time stood preëminent in the manufacture, but 82.

Note 13, page 40.

According to the "*Declaration of the State of the Colonie and Affaires of Virginia, &c.*," London, 1620, p. 4, already quoted, the *cotton plant* appears to have been indigenous to that colony.

In Williams's *Virginia*, London, 1650, also cited, "*cotton wool*, at 8d. the pound," is named in the "Valuation of the Commodities growing and to be had in Virginia: valued in the year 1621." "And since those times improved in all more or lesse," &c.

Note 14, page 42.

In a work by Ed. Williams, entitled VIRGINIA'S *Discovery of SILKE WORMES*, with their benefit, &c., Together with the making of the Saw-mill, very usefull in *Virginia* for cutting of Timber, &c., pp. 78, London, 1650, is a representation of a saw-mill, in which, from casual observation, very little, if any difference, can be observed from the mill of the present day.

The author, at the close of his tract, remarks: "This Engine is very common in Norway and Mountaines of Sweden, wherewith they cut great quantity of Deal-bords; which Engine is very necessary to be in a great Towne or Forrest, to cut Timber, whether into planks or otherwise.

This heer¹ is not altogether like those of Norway; for they make the piece of Timber approach the Sawes on certaine wheels with teeth; but because of reparations which those toothd wheelles are often subject unto, I will omit that use: and in stead thereof, put two weights, about 2 or 300 pound weight apiece, whereof one is marked A the other B. The Cords wherewith the sayd weights doe hang, to be fastned at the end of the 2 peeces of moving wood, which slide on two other peeces of fixed wood, by the means of certaine small pulleys, which should be within the house, and so the sayd weights should alwayes draw the sayd peeces of moving wood, which advancing alwayes towards the Sawes rising and falling, shall quickly be cut into 4. 5. or 6. peeces, as you shall pleas put on Saws, and placed at what distance you will have for the thickness of the planks or bords ye will cut: and when a peece is cut, then let one with a Lever turne a Rowler, whereto shall be fastned a strong Cord which shall bring backe the sayd peece of wood, and lift againe the weights: and after put aside the peece already cut, to take againe the Sawes against another peece of wood. Which once done the ingenious Artist may easily convert the same to an Instrument of threshing wheat, breaking of hempe or flax, and other as profitable uses."

Note 15, Page 43.

The first legislation upon the subject of education, on this continent was accepted by the Virginia Company, in the establishment of a *College* for the training of Indian children, and for this purpose land was granted for its support and in 1619 and 1620 fifty "men were sent, by their labours to bear up the charge of bringing up thirty of the *Infidels* children, in true Religion and civility" and one hundred "tenants for the Colleges Land."

The management of the *College* was by the CXXV chapter of the *Orders and Constitutions ordained by the Treasurer Counsell and Companie of Virginia* placed in the hands of a committee who were appointed by the Quarter

¹ Referring to the representation.

Court, for a year, and were required "to take into their care the matter of the College to be erected for the conversion of Infidels."—*A Declaration of the state of the Colonie in Virginia*, 6, 3, 36.

In the *Great Charter of Liberties*, as it was styled by the people, or *Frame of Government*, as it was designated by Penn, and which, as its preamble sets out, was "contrived, and composed to the great end of all government, viz. to support power in reverence with the people, and to secure the people from the abuse of power; that they may be free by their just obedience and the magistrates, honorable for their just administration, for liberty without obedience in confusion and obedience without liberty is slavery" it was provided "that the Governor and Provincial council shall erect and order all public schools and reward the authors of useful sciences and laudable inventions in the said province."

At a council held at Philadelphia the 26th 10th month (December), 1683, and at which Penn was present, this power seems to have been for the first time exercised, and the following entry which portrays the simplicity of the times, and the solicitude of the government upon the subject, may be found not uninteresting.

"The Govr and Provincial Council, having taken into their Serious Consideration the great Necessity there is, of a Schoole Master for the Instruction and Sober Education of Youth in the Towne of Philadelphia, Sent for Enock flower, an Inhabitant of the said Towne, who for twenty year past hath been exercisid, in that care, and Employment in England, to whom, having Communicated their Minds, he Embraced it upon these following Termes: to Learne to read English 4, s. by the Quarter, to Learne to read and write 6, s. by ye Quarter, to Learne to read, Write and Cast accot 8, s. by ye Quarter; for Boarding a Scholler, that is to say dyet, Washing, Lodging and Scooling, Tenn pounds for one whole year."—*Colonial Records*, I, p. 91.

In the following month it was proposed, in the council "That care be taken about the Learning and Instruction of Youth to Witt: a scoole of Arts and Siences." This proposition does not appear to have been carried out but the suggestion is remarkable as presenting the earliest indication in the history of the Province, of an attempt to secure advantages upon a scale more extended, than those afforded by instruction in the simpler branches of education. The Friends Public School which was established in 1689, had its origin perhaps, in this expression of the opinion of the Council. This noted Institution, which to this day in Philadelphia, flourishes in full vigor, was incorporated in 1697, and its charter was confirmed by a fresh Patent from Penn in 1701 and by another in 1708, whereby the corporation was "For ever there after to consist of fifteen discreet and

religious persons, of the people called Quakers, by the name of the overseers of the Public School, founded in Philadelphia, at the request, cost, and charges, of the people called Quakers:" Its last charter, confirming all the preceding and enlarging the powers of the corporation was conferred in 1711.

The benefits were not restricted to the Society, and Robert Proud the Historian of the State, and who at a subsequent period was the head Master thus speaks of it: "This was the first Institution of the kind, in Pennsylvania, intended not only to facilitate the acquisition of the more generally used parts of learning, among all ranks, or degrees, of the people (the poorer sort being taught gratis, and the rich or more wealthy, still paying a proportion for their childrens' instruction) but also the better, and more extensively to promote a virtuous and learned education, than could be effected by any other manner, was the end of the design; which to the preamble in the said present charter, is thus expressed, viz:

"Whereas, the prosperity and welfare of any people depend in great measure, upon the good education of youth, and their early introduction in the principles of true religion and viture, and qualifying them to serve their country and themselves by breeding them in reading, writing, and learning of languages, and useful arts and sciences, suitable to their sex age and degree: which cannot be effected in any manner so well as by erecting *public schools*, for the purposes aforesaid," &c.

"For these laudable purposes, therefore, a number of the principal inhabitants of Philadelphia, being Quakers, in the Fifth month the year (1689), agreed with George Keith, who then resided at Freehold, now called Monmouth, in New Jersey, to undertake the charge. He accordingly removed to Philadelphia, and was the first master of that school; but continued only about one year".—Proud's *History of Penn.*, I, 343.

Keith who afterwards became famous in the controversial history of the Province was succeeded by his usher Thomas Makin.

Makin was afterward clerk of the assembly, but is better known as the author of a Latin poem "*Descriptio Pennsylvaniae, Anno, 1729.*" In the following lines he alludes to his connection with the grammar school.

"Hic in gymnasiis linguæ doctum et artes
 Ingenuæ: hic multis doctor et ipse fui.
 Una schola hic alias etiam supereminet omnes,
 Romano et Græco quæ docet ore loqui."

Which Proud renders,

"Here schools for learning, and for arts are seen,
 In which to many I've a teacher been:
 But one, in teaching, doth the rest excel,
 To know and speak the Greek and Latin well."—Proud, ii, 370.

The provision on the subject of public schools incorporated in the first and the succeeding frames of government of the province again found a place in the constitution of 1776.

“A school or schools shall be established in each county, by the Legislature, for the convenient instruction of youth, with such salaries to the masters paid, by the Public, as may enable them to instruct youth at low prices: And all useful learning shall be duly encouraged and promoted in one or more universities.” Sec. 44, ch. ii.

At the period of the adoption of this constitutional enactment but one college existed in the province. The academy established in 1749 through the agency of a few public spirited individuals among whom was Dr. Franklin, was incorporated in 1753. In 1755 a college was grafted upon it, and in 1779 the property of the institutions was vested, by an act of assembly in trustees, and the “University of the State of Pennsylvania” was created. Academies now began to multiply and were incorporated, and to some extent endowed by the state. Dickinson and Franklin Colleges were incorporated.

In 1770 a new constitution was established in which was this direction.

“Article vii, sect. i. The Legislature shall, as soon as conveniently may be, provide by law, for the establishment of schools throughout the state, in such manner that the poor may be taught gratis.

“Sect. ii. The arts and sciences shall be promoted in one or more seminaries of learning.”

This requirement of the constitution was disregarded for twelve years, when, on the first of March, 1802, an act of assembly was passed, by which the guardians and overseers of the poor in the city of Philadelphia, of the district of the Northern Liberties, and of every township and borough throughout the commonwealth, were directed to ascertain the names of all those children whose parents or guardians were judged to be unable to provide an education, and to subscribe at the usual rates, and send such children to any neighboring school. This act expired in 1805, but was in terms reenacted in 1809.

It was almost immediately from necessity, an unpopular statute, and although in some instances obeyed, it was in many abused.

In 1818 the city and county of Philadelphia was erected into the first school district; and the first general act which appears to have been of any benefit was passed in the same year. The foundation of our present system of common schools in Pennsylvania was laid in 1824.

Eleven years afterwards (in 1835), the number of schools in Pennsylvania was 762; of teachers, 808; and the average number of scholars in

attendance was 32,544. By the report of the superintendent for the year ending first June, 1864, the number of schools had increased to 12,930; of teachers to 15,907; of scholars to 471,267; and the amount expended in the state, exclusive of Philadelphia, was over two millions of dollars.

The annual message of Mr. Alexander Henry, mayor of Philadelphia, to the councils, presented in April, 1865, states that the amount expended in that city during the year 1864, by the board of controllers was \$875,889; and that the number of pupils, irrespective of 3,297, "whose admission was denied for want of accommodation," was 71,838, exceeding in the city alone, according to the best computation, by 22,000, the entire amount of taxables in the province one hundred years ago.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW JERSEY.

We are indebted for the following interesting sketch of the origin of the system of public instruction in New Jersey to the valuable report of Mr. F. W. Record, state superintendent, made to the legislature of that state in the year 1863.

"There was a period in the history of our commonwealth when the governor, council and deputies in general assembly arrived, for the first time, at the conclusion that 'the cultivating of learning and good manners tends greatly to the good and benefit of mankind;' and, under the impression that it was a part of their business to do some little 'good and benefit' for mankind, they passed an act, entitled 'An act to establish Schoolmasters within this Province.' This was actually making a beginning, and a very good beginning too, and, perhaps, it was all that was necessary at the time; but no sooner had the work of establishing schoolmasters fairly commenced, than it was found necessary to do something more than make a mere beginning. It became apparent, within three years, that the 'cultivating of learning and good manners' was destined to be a flourishing business, and that the general assembly must do something more than 'establish Schoolmasters.' Accordingly, we now find them discussing the propriety of appointing men in the different townships to look after the schoolmasters, and to make good bargains with them, and to see that they moved their respective schools around from one locality to another, so that all the inhabitants of each and every township should have a fair chance at the 'cultivation of learning and good manners.' Thus from time to time, as circumstances required, other laws were passed, whose object was to extend the work, the beginning of which appeared so insignificant; and in the process of years, educational matters were reduced to something bearing a resemblance to system. Schools and schoolmasters became, in time, a necessity; and when, after the revolution, neighboring states

began to make provision for their permanent establishment and maintenance, a desire was also manifested here to do something in the same direction. Various projects for creating a fund for the support of schools were discussed, but nothing could be agreed upon that did not call for an onerous tax upon the people. In the year 1813 the state came into possession of forty thousand dollars, by the sale of certain bank stock which it was deemed undesirable for her to hold; and the friends of education, believing this to be a favorable opportunity, undertook to make this surplus in the treasury a nucleus for a permanent fund for the support of schools. Mr. James Parker, of Perth Amboy, still among the honored living, was unwearied in his efforts to secure the appropriation of this money for purposes of education. He introduced into the legislature a resolution to this effect; but the session being near its close, the subject was postponed, and, when brought up again during the following year, was once more put off in consequence of the demands of war. Faithful, however, to the cause which he had so nobly espoused, Mr. Parker, on his return to the assembly of 1816-17, again revived the subject, introducing the following resolution, which was adopted on the 1st of February, 1817.

“*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of creating a fund for the support of free schools in this state.’”

“Placed, according to parliamentary usage, at the head of this committee, he acted with so much promptness that on the fifth of the same month a bill was reported, entitled ‘An act to create a Fund for the Support of Free Schools,’ which was passed by the assembly on the eleventh, and was introduced into and passed by the council on the twelfth. Thus the foundation of the school fund of New Jersey was laid.”

From the report for the year 1864, of Mr. C. M. Harrison, the state superintendent of public schools, and the annual message, presented in January, 1865, by Governor Parker, it appears that the total amount expended in 1864 for school purposes was \$637,079.82; that the number of school buildings was 1,452, of teachers 2,012, and of scholars 149,672.

Note 16, page 48.

The suggestion in the text is derived from Yarranton's *England's Improvements*, who, in referring to the success of the Dutch, mentions as one of its causes, first that “they have fitted themselves with a public register of all their lands and houses, whereby it is made ready money at all times, without the charge of law or the necessity of a lawyer.” “Thirdly, By a Public Bank, the great sinews of trade, the credit thereof making paper go in trade equal with ready money, yea, better, in many parts of the

world than money." He presents this illustration of the system "Now I am a *Dutehman*, and have One hundred pounds a year in the Province of *West-Friezland* near *Groningen*, and I came to the Bank at *Amsterdam*, and there tender a Particular of my Lands, and how tenanted, being One hundred pounds a year in *West Friezland*, and desire them to lend me Four thousand pounds, and I will Mortgage my Land for it. The Answer will be, I will send by the Post to the Register of *Groningen* your Particular, and at the return of the Post you shall have your Answer. The Register of *Groningen* sends Answer, It is my Land and tenanted according to the Particular. There is no more words, but to tell out your Monies. Observe all you that read this, and tell your children this strange thing, *That Paper in Holland is equal with moneys in England*, I refuse the Moneys, I tell him I do not want Moneys, I want credit, and having one son at *Venice*, one at *Noremburge*, one at *Hamburg*, and one at *Dantzick*, where Banks are, I desire four Tickets of Credit, each of them for a Thousand pounds, with Letters of Advice directed to each of my sons, which is immediately done, and I mortgage my Lands at three in the hundred. Reader I pray observe, that every Acre of Land in the *Seven Provinces* trades all the world over, and it is as good as ready money; In England * * * many Gentlemen at this day at five hundred pounds a year in Land, cannot have credit to live at a Twelve penny Ordinary. If this be so, it is very clear and evident, that a man with one hundred pounds a year in *Holland*, so convenient as their Titles are, and at the paying but three in the hundred interest for the Moneys lent, may sooner raise three families, than a Gentleman in England can either raise one, or preserve the family in being, for the reasons already given. But were the Free Lands of England under a voluntary Register, all these Miseries would vanish, and the land would come to thirty years Purchase, which I shall show you in its proper place * * * I can both in *England* and *Wales* Register my Wedding, my Burial, and my Christening, and a poor Parish Clerk is intrusted with the Keeping of the Book, and that which is Registered there, is good by our Law: But I cannot Register my Land to be honest to pay every man his own, to prevent those sad things that attend families for want thereof, and to have the great benefit and advantage that would come thereby. A Register will quicken trade, and the Land registered will equal as cash in a mans hands and the credit thereof will go and do in trade what ready moneys now doth. Observe how it advanceth trade in *Holland*, and of how little Advantage it is to the Trade in England. I having one hundred pounds a year in *Holland*, meet with a Merchant upon the *Exchange* at *Amsterdam* and agree with him for goods to the value of Four thousand pounds for six months. If he demands security I go to the Bank, and give him security

by a ticket of my Land, and by the credit of that Ticket the Merchant is immediately in Trade again as high as the commodity, was, he sold. But if I make a Bargain at London for Four thousand pounds worth of Goods for six months, the next discourse is, what security? Then the Buyer and the Seller agree to meet at the Tavern at four of the clock in the Afternoon: There Buyer produceth his security, many times not approved of; so the Merchant cannot put off his commodities, nor the chapman have the Goods he stands in need of. But if the Buyer or any Friend of his that would credit him, had Land under a Register, then a Ticket upon such Lands given to the Merchant would be equal to him as Ready Moneys; and I say better too * * * But you will say, I talk that Gentlemen in *England* cannot have Moneys for Land; It is not so: And that I say Lawyers know no Titles, I ought to have my pate crackt; for money is plentiful, and Lawyers are cunning enough to spy out good Titles.

“As to both I would it were true for the sake of the poor Gentlemen and the Lawyers too. But as to the greatest part of them, that have a Thousand pounds a year, the world knows they are so far from borrowing Four thousand pounds, that they cannot borrow Four hundred pounds; and I dare say some Lords also.

“Nay, to my knowledge three eminent Lawyers have been put to much charge and trouble in their Estates lately purchased by them in Montgomery, Hereford, and Worcester shires by reason of former incumbrances: Now if an Eminent Lawyer cannot purchase an Estate without so much trouble, hazard, and charge, upon a Title settled at least Fifty years ago by all the Judges of England and in the Exchequer chamber; upon what security can the Banks be understood to lay out their moneys safe? And the poor countrymen are yet in a worse condition. * * * Of late years the monied Men in England sent their moneys into Lombard street, and there received a note from a Goldsmith's Boy which was all they had to shew for their Moneys. And certainly there was a Reason, wherefore the great monied men did take such slender security for their Moneys: The Reason was because the Land security was so uncertain and bad, and it was so troublesome and chargeable getting their Moneys again when they had occasion to use it, that forc't them to Lombard street.”—*Farranton*, pp. 7, 10, 17.

The embarrassment resulting from the want of a more abundant medium of exchange, than that afforded by the coin of other countries, and the still rarer circulation of the Pine Tree currency of New England, issued by the mint established in Boston in 1652, was early felt in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey.

Whether the policy of emitting bills of credit was sound or not the public did not lack an opportunity of coming to a judgment, so far as the subject was presented by the pamphlets published, not in Pennsylvania and New Jersey only, but in other portions of the country. No question has, from the beginning of our history, been more thoroughly examined than that of the currency. And although there doubtless were sound reasons to be presented on both sides, we believe no one will refuse to concede that, so far as concerns Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the weight of the argument was in favor of the friends of paper money. Certain it is, that the prosperity of both provinces began very sensibly to increase from the date of the establishment of a loan office, and the issuing of bills of credit. The measure was forced upon the people.

Paper money was first issued in New Jersey in 1709. As the act, authorizing its issue, is not to be found in any of the numerous editions of the laws of that state, and but one copy of it is positively known to exist, we present it without abridgment, and beg to express our obligations to Mr. Charles E. Green, of Trenton, to whose industrious research we are indebted for the transcript.

At a General Assembly held at Burlington from the 13th day of May to the 30th day of June, 1709, in the 8th year of the reign of Queen Anne, the following law was passed:

Chap. XX. An Act for enforcing the Currency of Bills of Credit for Three Thousand Pounds.

Be it enacted by the Lieut. Governor, Council and General Assembly, and by the authority of the same. That Bills of Credit shall be issued forth to the value of £3000, and no more, pursuant to the value of money specified in an act for the support of her Majesty's Government of New Jersey for one year; which Bills shall be in manner and form following, viz:

(This indented Bill of..... shillings, due from the colony of New Jersey to the possessor thereof, shall be in value equal to money, and shall be accordingly accepted by the Treasurer of this Colony, for the time being, in all public payments, and for any fund at any time in the Treasury. Dated, New Jersey, the 1st of July, 1709. By order of the Lieutenant Governor, Council and General Assembly of the said Colony.)

Which Bills shall be signed by Mr. Thomas Pike, Capt. Thomas Farmer, Mr. John Royce and Capt. Elisha Parker, or any three of them, who are hereby appointed and directed to sign the same, and lodge the same in the Treasurer's hands, to be issued out by the Treasurers, under the hands of the said Capt. Thomas Farmer, Mr. John Royce and Capt.

Elisha Parker, or any two of them, for provisions, and every other thing whatever, necessary for and relating to the expedition against Canada: and further to be issued out by the Treasurers, by warrants under the hand of the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, for such pay as shall be due to such Captains and Lieutenants as go on said expeditions according to an act of General Assembly, entitled, An act for encouragement of Volunteers to join the expedition to Canada: and further to be issued out by the said Treasurer, by warrants under the hands of the Captains aforesaid, for payment of such rewards as are given to volunteers who go on said expedition, according to the afore-recited act of General Assembly.

Which Bills shall be received, taken for the value as aforesaid, and equal to the current coyn passing in this colony for goods bought or sold, in any payment to be made for debts contracted, or that shall be contracted: and the tender of the said Bills for the payment and discharge of any debt, or debts, bargains, sales, bonds, Bills, mortgages and specialties whatsoever, shall be as good and effectual in the law, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if the current coyn of this Colony had been offered and tendered to any person or persons whatsoever, for the discharge of ye same, or any part thereof.

And Be it further enacted, &c. That the said Bills of credit shall be printed and numbered, expressing in every of them the sum of moneys they shall be current for; and to prevent counterfeiting any of the said bills, they shall be dated and indented on the top thereof, with the arms of the Queen of Great Brittain, stamp or printed on the left side thereof, towards the bottom of every of the said Bills; and the indent shall pair with and suit a counterpart thereof, bound in a book for that purpose, and subscribed by the parties herein appointed to do ye same, to be kept by the Treasurers, of the same tenor and date, and so near in similitude, in all circumstances, as possible may be, to such Bills of credit that are issued and made current in payment, as aforesaid. Two hundred of which said bills shall be for £5 each bill; Two hundred of them for forty shillings each; six hundred of them for twenty shillings each; One thousand of them for two shillings each; and Two thousand of them for five shillings each Bill, amounting to, in all, three thousand pounds. Provided alway, and this the true intent and meaning of this Act. That the said *Signees* shall not sign a quarter number of the said bills of credit than what shall amount to or pass, or be current for more than three thousand pounds money aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, &c. That for the better currency of the said Bills of credit, the Collectors and Treasurers of this Colony, for the time

being, shall, and are hereby required and directed to take and receive all and every the said Bills, according to the value therein expressed, with the proportional advance of Two and a half per cent, on all and every the said bills that shall be offered and tendered to them the said Collectors and Treasurers, for any money due for the first payment of the said £3,000 Tax; and Five per cent on all and every the bills that shall be offered and tendered to the sd. Collectors and Treasurers for money due for the second and last payment of the sd. three thousand pound Tax. And on their receipt of each payment of the sd. £3,000 Tax, they shall appoint the person that signed the sd. bills to meet him or them the sd. Treasurer or Treasurers, who are hereby required and directed to meet and joyn with him or them to examine and compare the said bills so to be canceled, as aforesaid, and keep the same on a file, in order to be further examined by the Governour Council and General assembly, for the time being, or such as they shall appoint, when filing and requiring the same.

And be it further enacted, &c. That the said Commissioners or signees, shall take an oath before any justice of the Peace of this Province, being of the Quorum, in the words following:

I, A. B., do on the holy Evangelists, sincerely swear, that I will, to the best of my knowledge and skill, truly, sincerely and faithfully discharge the trust reposed in me, relating to and concerning the signing and issuing Bills of Credit, mentioned in, and pursuant to ye true intent and meaning of An act for the enforcing the currency of Bills of credit for three thousand pounds.

So help me God.

And be it further enacted, &c. That such person or persons as shall be convicted of Counterfeiting any of the said bills of credit, shall incur the pains and penalties of Felony, without the benefit of Clergy, and suffer accordingly.

And be it further enacted, &c. That the said bills of credit shall be current as aforesaid, between man and man, the Treasurers excepted, only until the first day of June, which will be in the year of our Lord, 1711, and shall and may be received by the Treasurers until the first day of September then next following, and no longer.

And be it further enacted, &c. That the Three Thousand pound Tax passed this session, shall be paid to the said Treasurers in the said Bills of credit, and in no other specie whatsoever.

In 1716 another act was passed authorizing the creation of about 4,000 pounds proclamation money. In 1723 40,000 pounds were issued, of which 4,000 were principally applied to the redemption of the old bills.

The remainder it was directed, should be lent on the mortgage of real estate and the deposit of plate. The bills were made on legal tender under heavy penalties for a refusal to take them, and to the period of the revolution about six hundred thousand pounds had been issued.—*Hist. of the early settlement of Cumberland Co., N. J.*; ch. 17 and 18; *Bridgeton Chronicle* of April 15 and 22, 1865. By Hon. Judge Elmer, of the Sup. Ct. of N. J.

We are pleased to state that it is Judge Elmer's purpose to considerably enlarge these interesting sketches and to give them to the public in a more permanent form.

The first act authorizing the creation of bills of credit was passed by Pennsylvania in 1722, and was drawn with great care. The wisdom of its provisions, and the pains taken to guard against fraud placed the scheme upon a firm basis, and secured a confidence in the safety of the issue which for years was unimpaired.

Massachusetts preceded Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the adoption of the new system (*An Historical Account of Massachusetts Currency*. By Joseph B. Felt, Boston, 1839) having in 1690 authorized the creation of paper money.—The necessity of the case suggested the only expedient to avert an inconvenience, and the experiment would doubtless have been originated on this side of the Atlantic, even had examples upon the other not already existed. The Pennsylvania act was entitled "An act for emitting and making current Fifteen Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit," and the preamble sets forth these reasons: "Forasmuch as through the Extreme scarcity of money the trade of the Province is greatly lessened and the payment of the Public Debts of this Government rendered exceeding difficult and likely so to continue unless some medium in commerce be lawfully made current instead of money, be it," &c. The act is based upon 6th Anne for ascertaining the rates of foreign coin in the loan office, and declared to be intended for the "benefit of the Poor industrious sort of people of the Province at an easy rate of interest to relieve them from the present difficulty they labor under." The security required was of the best description. The trustees were authorized to accept the pledge of plate, and mortgages upon lands, houses, or ground rents free of incumbrance, the estate to be in fee, and in the case of lands or ground rents, to be in value double that of the amount mortgaged, but in the case of houses treble, and the guards against attempts at fraud were judicious.

Eleven thousand pounds were to be issued at five per cent, of which one-eighth of the principal was to be paid annually and no applicant was authorized to receive more than one hundred pounds. The bills were made a legal tender and the refusal to accept them in discharge of debts, &c., worked a forfeiture of the debt, and persons offering land or chattels

cheaper for bills than for silver subjected the offender to a penalty. As necessity required, fresh loans were from time to time created, and the province continued to prosper under them. Such was the result of the system in Pennsylvania, so admirably planned and executed that Governor Pownall in his work on the administration of the colonies bestows high praise on the paper system of Pennsylvania.—“I will venture to say,” he declares, “that there never was a wiser or a better measure, never one calculated to serve the interests of an increasing country, that there never was a measure more steadily pursued or more faithfully executed for forty years together than the Loan office of Pennsylvania founded and administered by the assembly of that province”—*Younge on Paper Money*, p. 8.

The emission of Pennsylvania paper money was never excessive. In 1759 it reached 185,000, the largest amount in circulation at any one time. The contests which were of so frequent occurrence between the governor and the assemblies, and with the mother country, and the absence of a union of the colonies, rendered the system of bills of credit very unstable. Had it been possible to have devised a permanent and uniform medium of circulation the general progress of the country would have been much in advance of the condition in which it was found at the period of the revolution.

The finances were thrown into confusion by that event, and the expenditures which it involved. An attempt to avoid the misfortunes of the past, and initiate a currency of more general credit and circulation resulted, under the recommendation of Robert Morris, in the incorporation by congress, on the 31st of December, 1781, of the Bank of North America, at Philadelphia, which on the 1st April, 1782, also received a charter from Pennsylvania. Such, however, was the effect of the spirit of political faction, that the incorporation by the state was repealed, and pamphlets were written to show that congress, under the confederation, had no power to charter such an institution.

The credit which the loan office had established for itself, induced some to prefer that system to the operation of a bank. The latter, notwithstanding, from year to year gained strength, and the benefit derived was so considerable, that the charter which had been repealed by the Legislature was again conferred, and the Bank of North America, under its perpetual incorporation, derived from the congress of the confederation, exists to this day in undiminished vigor and usefulness, the parent institution of the country.

Note 17, Page 63.

The reader is referred to a valuable note on the subject of wampum by Mr. Gabriel Furman, at p. 42 of Denton's *Description of New York*. Vol. I of Gowans's *Bibliotheca Americana*.

Note 18, Page 64.

John Cripps was a person of prominence in the early history of West Jersey. In 1682 he was a justice of peace for the jurisdiction of Burlington and also a member of the assembly. Cripps arrived in 1677 in the ship Kent.

Note 19, Page 72.

We have never met with a copy of this paper.

THE END.

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O books!— O blessings!— could the yellow ore
That countless sparkled in the Lydian's store,
Vie with the wealth ye lately flung round me—
That even forgetfulness of agony
With which, beneath the garden's cooling breeze,
(July's hot face still flashing through the trees.)
Slow stole the fever of Disease away;
While bent o'er Tasso's sun-beam written lay,
His own Armida in that Bower of Bliss
Shut to my heart a renovating kiss,
Till with Rinaldo I rush'd forth afor
Where loud on Zam burst the Red Cross War."

Manuscript Poem found in MILTON'S WORKS.

"Visible and tangible products of the past, again, I reckon up to the extent of three: cities, with their cabinets and arsenals; then tilled fields, to either of which divisions roads with their bridges may belong; and thirdly— books. In which third truly, the last invented, lies a worth far surpassing that of the two others. Wondrous indeed is the virtue of a true book. Not like a dead city of stones, yearly crumbling, yearly needing repair; more like a tilled field, but then a spiritual field: like a spiritual tree, let me rather say, it stands from year to year, and from age to age (we have books that already number some hundred and fifty human ages); and yearly comes its new produce of leaves (commentaries, deductions, philosophical, political systems; or were it only sermons, pamphlets, journalistick essays), every one of which is talismanick and thaumaturgick, for it can persuade men. O thou who art able to write a book, which once in the two centuries or oftener there is a man gifted to do, envy not him whom they name city-builder, and inexpressibly pity him whom they name conqueror or city burner! Thou too art a conqueror and victor; but of the true sort, namely, over the devil: thou too hast built what will outlast all marble and metal, and be a wonder-bringing city of the wind, a temple and seminary, and prophetic mount, whereto all kindreds of the earth will pilgrim. Fool! why journeyest thou wear so many, in thy antiquarian fervour, to gaze on the stone pyramids of Gæza, or the clay ones of Saecchara? These stand there, as I saw tell thee, idle and inert, looking over the desert, foolishly enough, for the last three thousand years: but canst thou not open thy Hebrew Bible, then, or even Luther's version thereof?"..... "THOMAS CARLYLE."



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JOHN JAMES AUDUBON, the celebrated American ornithologist, was a Frenchman in every sense of the word, with the exception of the place of his birth; lively, enthusiastic and courteous in the extreme. His enthusiasm, more especially in anything he had placed his mind, was so ardent as to affect his accuracy, inasmuch as his imagination was much stronger than his judgment, and such will be the case with all so mentally constituted (enthusiasm and judgment are like oil and water, incompatible with each other). He was a native of the United States and the state of Louisiana, which has a climate so genial throughout the whole year that the indigenous feathered tribes swarm in incredible numbers, both aquatic and land, with plumage remarkable for variety and dazzling richness of color, to such a degree that it amounts to the grandeur of gorgeoussness. The youthful and poetical mind of the afterwards eminent naturalist must have been fired with a love for the study of these beautiful objects forming this branch of natural history. When I was a dweller in that part of the south I still remember how the sight of these gaudy winged creatures affected me, even to enthusiasm; how then must they have affected one so susceptible to such impressions! No wonder he became the historian of the birds of the new world! It may be said of Audubon, as Horace has predicted of himself and his writings, namely: "That he has erected to himself a monument more lasting than brass or marble, which the blasting north wind cannot destroy, nor even time itself." His great work, the *Ornithology of North America*, is now a book unprocurable, except when a copy may be found in a private library when disposed of by private or public sale. I remember selling a copy for \$350. I understand that a copy at this time is worth \$1,000, or even \$1,200, and as time rolls on the price will advance beyond these figures. An edition in reduced form has been published by one of his sons, seven volumes, royal 8vo, which can be purchased for \$150. The plates of the first edition are from copper, while those of the second are lithographed. There is no comparison between the editions. Besides his great ornithological work and the reduced editions, he published an ornithological biography in five volumes, royal 8vo, and a magnificent work on the quadrupeds of North America. For a full list of his works see my *American Biographical Bibliography*. In collecting material for his work he traversed as far south as Yucatan in Mexico, west to the Rocky mountains, north as far as the bleak shores of Labrador, and east along the coast of North America from the gulf of St. Lawrence to the Rio Grande, as well as the interior surroundings of these coast

regions. Respecting the sale of this great book, he related the following very interesting narrative which ought never to be lost sight of; it retounds to the everlasting dishonor of certain parties, while it does great credit to that very much abused man, Louis Philippe, king of the French. "I did not sell," said he, "more than forty copies of my work in England, Ireland, Scotland and France, of which Louis Philippe took ten." The following subscribers received their copies but never paid for them. George IV, Dutches of Clarence, Marquis of Londonderry, Princess of Hesse Homburg. An Irish Lord whose name he could not give, took two and paid for neither. Rothschild paid for his copy, but with great reluctance. The same could be said of a wealthy citizen of the United States. He further said he sold seventy-five copies in America, twenty-six in New York, twenty-four in Boston; that the work altogether cost him £27,000, and that he lost \$25,000 by it. He said that Louis Philippe offered to subscribe for one hundred copies if he would publish the work in Paris. This he found could not be done, as it would have required forty years to finish it as things then were in the French capital. His aged and amiable widow still survives (1856). I have learned that she had in her possession a very valuable manuscript, written by those famous travelers, Messrs. Lewis and Clark, who made the first exploring tour from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia river. This manuscript is said to be a continuation of the tour already published, and was found in the possession of an Indian or an Indian trader somewhere among the gorges of the Rocky mountains. It no doubt had been stolen from those indefatigable explorers, as it is well known the Indians are great thieves.....WESTERN MEMORABILIA.

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New York, 1844

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BENNETT, JAMES GORDON. Morning Herald, afterwards rebaptized the New York Morning Herald. Vol. 1st. From May 6th, 1835, to August 12th, 1835. In good preservation, very rare, small folio.

New York, 1838

The first article in the first number of this publication is a biography of Matthias the prophet, who really was the harbinger of Joe Smith and Mormonism.

GORDON BENNETT. At the birth and during the infant days of the *New York Herald*, nothing could seem more unlikely to survive for any length of time than it did. A sickly child just born, and to all appearances quietly breathing away its existence would appear to be a befitting emblem of its first appearance, and its attempt to walk. The editor and proprietor, without assistance, without means, without friends, a stranger among a strange people, and the paper of very diminutive dimensions, and filled with indifferent matter, with a community not quite ready to be extensive purchasers of a daily morning paper, &c., &c. When all these features are taken into consideration, neither the most sagacious conjecturer nor the keenest eyed seer could have ventured to predict its ultimate success.

I remember to have entered the subterranean office of its editor early in its career, and purchased a single copy of the paper, for which I paid the sum of one cent United States currency. On this occasion the proprietor, editor and vender was seated at his desk busily engaged writing, and appeared to pay little or no attention to me as I entered. On making known my object in coming in, he requested me to put my money down on the counter, and help myself to a paper; all this time he continuing his writing operations. The office was a single oblong underground room; its furniture consisted of a counter, which also served as a desk, constructed from two flour barrels, perhaps empty, standing apart from each other about four feet, with a single plank covering both; a chair, placed in the centre, upon which sat the editor busy at his vocation, with an inkstand by his right hand; on the end nearest the door were placed the papers for sale. This is a faithful sketch as near as I can remember of its editor's humble but interesting apartments. Like all other successful projects, its success may be attributed to a combination of causes, of which I will venture to enumerate the following: First, the editor was born, nurtured, trained and educated in Scotland, an insignificant spot placed upon the hip of the surface of our rolling and shifting globe, in point of size a mere nook, which has produced more men who have distinguished themselves in every department of human exertion than any other subdivision on the face of the earth, ancient Greece alone excepted; a country where the youth is taught to think and act for himself with Spartan firmness, while the steadiest prudence and economy are enforced, not only by precept but by the uniform example of all in authority from the humblest parent upwards. When these qualities are joined with an unyielding perseverance, accompanied with a sound judgment, the result is pretty certain to be a success, no matter what may be the vocation. Many of these characteristics the editor undoubtedly possessed. Second, its cheapness, which threw it within the reach of the humblest citizen. Third, its advertising patronage, which was considerable. Fourth, he early secured the assistance of William H. Attree, a man of uncommon abilities as a reporter, and a concoctor of pithy as well as ludicrous chapters, greatly calculated to captivate the many readers. In fact, this clever and talented assistant in some respects never had his match; he did not, as other reporters do, take down in short hand what the speaker or reader said, but sat and heard the passing discourse like any other casual spectator; when over, he would go home and retire to his room, write out in full all that had been said on the occasion, and that entirely from memory. On a certain occasion I hinted to him my incredulity about his ability to report as he had frequently informed me. To put this matter beyond doubt, he requested me to accompany him to Clinton Hall, to hear some literary magnate let off his intellectual steam. I accordingly accompanied him as per arrangement. We were seated together in the same pew. He placed his hands in his pockets, and continued in that position during the delivery of the discourse; and when finished, he remarked to me that I would not only find the substance of this harangue in the *Herald* to-morrow, but I would find it word for word. On the following morning I procured the paper and read the report of what I had heard the previous evening, and I must say I was struck with astonishment at its perfect accuracy. I say so unhesitatingly, inasmuch as I feel confident that I have a more than ordinary good memory; more especially in being able to retain what I have heard delivered by a public speaker.* Before Mr. Attree's time, reporting for the press in New York was a mere outline or sketch of what had been said or done; but he infused life and soul into this department of journalism. His reports were full, accurate, graphic; and what is more, he

* It may be asked how I knew it to be Mr. Attree's report? Mine answer is this: To one acquainted with his style, there was no mistaking it. It was as easily recognized as the styles of Shakespeare, Junius or Thomas Carlyle. William H. Attree died Nov. 25th, 1849, and lies entombed in Greenwood.

frequently flattered the vanity of the speaker by making a much better speech for him than he possibly could himself, thereby killing two dogs with one stone. He captivated the speaker excessively at reading his own speech, and the community was much better satisfied with Mr. Attree's report than they would have been with the author's too often bald and disjointed remarks. These reports, making their appearance in the *Herald* almost daily, added greatly to its circulation, and, as a consequence, to its popularity. Fifth, the editor had the faculty of stimulating opposition among the craft to an unparalleled degree. These collaborators in the same vineyard, not only in the city but far outside of it, would from time to time with great earnestness attack him with a spit-ful violence which often sounded to the reader like frenzied fury, pouring out upon him the most infamous, unmanly and unfounded abuse. The most scurrilous and untruthful of these attacks he would reprint in his own paper, and occasionally collect all the most opprobrious epithets applied to him by these journals and set them forth in a solid column of the *Herald*, while always careful to give his authority. These attacks, and his peculiar method of reply, had the effect to add popularity to his own journal in no small degree. The neutral public is certain to sympathize with one whom they see attempted to be hunted down by those pursuing the same course, and displaying no signs of better breeding nor higher standard of action than their intended victim. In the heat of these controversies he at one time obtained the title of the Ishmaelite of the press. Sixth, Dr. Benjamin Brandreth of well and wide-spread reputation, and who has made more happy and comfortable, for a longer or shorter time, as the case may be, by his prescriptions than any other son of Æsculapius, hailed me one day as I jumped from a rail road car passing up and along the shores of the Hudson river, and immediately commenced the following narrative. He held in his hand a copy of the *New York Herald*. "Do you know," said he, holding up the paper to my face, "that it was by and through your agency that this paper ever became successful?" I replied in the negative. "Then," continued he, "I will unfold the secret to you of how you became instrumental in this matter. Shortly after my arrival in America I began looking about me how I was to dispose of my pills by agents and other means. Among others, I called upon you, then a bookseller in Chatham street. After some conversation on the subject of my errand, a contract was soon entered into between us — you to sell and I to furnish the said pills; but, continued he, these pills will be of no use to me or any one else unless they can be made known to the public, or rather the great herd of the people; and that can only be done by advertising through some paper which goes into the hands of the many. Can you point out to me any such paper, published in the city? After a short pause I in substance said that there had lately started a small penny paper, which had been making a great noise during its existence; and I had reason to believe it had obtained a very considerable circulation among that class of people which he desired to reach by advertising, and so concluded that it would be the best paper in the city for his purpose, provided he could make terms with the owner, who, I had no doubt, would be well disposed, as in all probability he stood in need of patronage of this kind. I immediately," continued the doctor, "adopted your advice, went directly to Mr. Bennett, made terms with him for advertising, and for a long time paid him a very considerable sum weekly for the use of his columns, which tended greatly to add to both his and my own treasury. The editor of the *Herald* afterwards acknowledged to me that but for his advertising patronage he would have been compelled to collapse. Hence," said he, "had I never called on you, in all probability I should not have had my attention turned to the *New York Herald*; and, as a consequence, that sheet would never have had my advertising; and that paper would have been a thing of the past, and perhaps entirely forgotten." Seventh, about the year 1830 in London began being published the *Illustrated Penny Magazine*, which was imported into America in large quantities, and sold extensively in New York and other cities of the United States, thereby creating a taste for cheap literature; and it may be said, that out of this publication sprung up the cheap or penny press in America. The first paper of this kind was commenced in January, 1833, named the *Penny Post*. It had but a short existence, but still it was the first penny paper published in America.* Then followed the *Sun*, whose career commenced about nine months after. This, unlike its predecessor, proved successful, mainly from the advertising patronage it had, and

* Those curious in authenticating such matters can be gratified with a sight of the early numbers of the first penny paper printed in America at the New York Historical Society's Library, where copies of each have been deposited.

what is more, it still lives healthy and vigorous. Then was brought into existence the *Transcript*, a remarkably spirited little paper, edited for some time by Dr. Asa Greene, author of the adventures of Dr. Dodemus Duckworth, the steam doctor. Like the first named, after a few years' existence it died, making no sign. In chronological order was born the *Morning Herald*, its primitive title, afterwards rebaptized the *New York Herald*; and this proved to be a success indeed. From its own showing, it has an aggregate circulation throughout the year of one hundred and twenty-five thousand copies each day, an income from the sale of the paper of one million ninety-five thousand dollars yearly, and employs two hundred and thirty-three hands daily, besides a host of correspondents scattered all over the world; thus having a greater force and circulation than the combined daily press of New York, and greater than any other paper in the world, with the exception of the *London Times*; besides, its editor and owner has in process of construction a printing house mansion, located at the corner of Ann street and Broadway, which will surpass anything of the kind in the world.

Thus it will be perceived that the *Herald* had the road pretty well paved for its reception; in some respects like the civil engineer, who, away in the western wilds, laying out his route for a rail road, a turnpike or canal, follows the track of the buffalo that roams through the dense forests and over the vast sea-like prairies, tracing out paths the easiest of access with mathematical precision and unerring aim; so much so, that when these rail road constructors come along, they follow implicitly the lines traced out by that natural and instinctive engineer, the buffalo. WESTERN MEMORABILIA.

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renowned French military engineer, appeared on horseback little more than a human head. I remember seeing and hearing in the British house of Commons a certain lord whose appearance might have been taken for Thersites INCARNATE, who was a most graceful and commanding speaker as well as a ready debater. Gen. Hamilton, the greatest mind in the American Revolution, was a small man, and had he lived to the age of his antagonist, would, in all probability, have presented no better appearance. If we may believe Shakespeare up to his time, Richard III was the only real warrior king England ever had. He was sent into the world half made up, and so deformed that the dogs barked at him as he passed them. Pope, the most natural and sweetest of all the English poets, was of diminutive stature as well as very much deformed in figure, (see his full length portrait,) while on the other hand, Alcibiades, Plato, Cicero, Marc Anthony, Brutus, Charlemagne, Peter the Great, Edmund Burke, Robert Burns, Byron, Sir Robert Peel, Professor Wilson (Christopher North), and last, although not least, Daniel Webster, were all remarkably well developed, and presented models of the physical man. In contrasting these opposite classes, it would appear that mind is indifferent as to what kind of lodgings is selected for its habitation, and its operations while connected with the body that perisheth. Burr must have been a very exact man in business transactions. His receipt book came into my possession. I found there, receipts for a load of wood, a carpenter's work for one day, for a pair of boots, milk for a certain number of weeks, suit of clothes, besides numerous other small transactions that but few would think of taking a receipt for. The book was but a sorry cheap affair, and could not have cost, when new, more than fifty cents. WESTERN MEMORABILIA.

*Then there was no by-way for boats to escape the rugged falls of the Ohio as there now is : all had to pass through the yawning straits of Scylla and Charybdis. We had therefore to plunge over unhesitatingly, swifter than an arrow from an Indian's bow, or thought, or lightning, or the soul's departure from the body, the passing over the rapids seems so sudden. These similitudes are not exaggerations but naked truth. Homer has accurately described these falls at low water without having seen them.

“Here Scylla bellows from her dire abodes,
Tremendous pest ! abhorr'd by men and gods !
Hideous her voice, and with less terror roar
The whelps of lions in the midnight hour,
Twelve feet deform'd and foul the fiend spreads ;
Six horrid necks she rears, and six terrific heads ;
Her jaws grin dreadful with three rows of teeth ;
Jaggy they stand, the gaping den of death ;
Beneath, Charybdis holds her hoist'rous reign
Midst roaring whirlpools, and absorbs the main ;
Thrice in her gulfs the boiling seas subside,
Thrice in dire thunders she refunds the tide.” HOMER.

Not a house stood upon the point of land formed by the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, nor was the land even under cultivation but in its primitive wild, dreary solitude. I understand it is now the site of a large, busy city (Cairo). Seventy miles below, on the west bank of the Mississippi, stood the deserted village of New Madrid, consisting of a few log houses apparently empty, and the surrounding forest all dead, caused, as I learned, by an earthquake a few years ago. The land at this place sunk ten feet from the effects of the shock, and no doubt the concussion caused these monarchs of the forest to wither and die. Fifty miles still further down stood the now city of Memphis. The captain of our sluggish moving boat landed at this place. I accompanied him up the bank, the river being low at the time, for the purpose of buying a supply of whisky. The town I remember consisted of scattered log houses inhabited apparently by a very poor class of people. After falling down below this town about fifty miles we met with no settlement till we reached the vicinity of Walnut Hill, now Vicksburgh, the distance being about six hundred miles. The only music in the day time which regaled our senses was the puffing and distressed moaning of the high pressured steamers which occasionally passed up and down the river, as the case might be, and as an afterpiece the wild screaming of the numerous flocks of paroquets which travel along the bank of the river after descending to a certain latitude, and in the night the wolf's wild howl, not on Onolaska's shore, but the banks of the gloomy and solitary Mississippi. The only human beings we fell in with during this descent, which took six weeks, were certain roving half civilized whites who had pitched their tents at certain points for the purpose of cutting and preparing fuel for the steam boats passing up and down, and numbers of the native sons of the forest who could be seen every now and then paddling their light canoes close into the shore if ascending, and on the contrary in the centre of the river if downwards bound. At first these savage faced painted men somewhat alarmed me ; but they frequently paid us a visit by coming along side and on board of our lazy craft. After becoming somewhat familiar with these grim, black haired, half naked fellow beings, I began rather to like them, and wished for their frequent return to break up our monotony. They left the impression on me that they were both generous and confiding. A party came on board one day ; one of them could speak a little English ; he informed us that one of their number was condemned to death for having murdered one of the tribe when intoxicated. We urged him to make his escape as he appeared to be at liberty ; we even offered to take him with us in our boat,

but they all declared, as we could understand them, that that would be of no use, for in the event of his non-appearance for execution on the day appointed, his wife or one of his children would have to suffer in his stead. The three great rivers which discharge their heavy contents into the Mississippi, the Arkansas, the Yazoo and the Red rivers, at these points where they lost themselves in the great father of waters, were all solitary, heavy timbered wildernesses; not a human being appeared to have disturbed their native wild grandeur. Now I understand that at each and all of these points are busy towns, and likely to become large cities. At this time, according to his biographers, Abraham Lincoln must have been a fellow boatman with me on these rivers, although I never saw him to my knowledge. I remember seeing the sons of Morris Birkbeck, the famous Illinois farmer, who published two volumes on the United States.

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